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INTRODUCTION.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss. Fitchburg, November 18, 1907.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 279 and ending with page 561 of Book VI., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging and explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

Walter A. Lais City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

Frank D. Page, Notary Public.



THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN OF FITCHBURG.

FROM BOOK VI.

[279] 1844. Warrant March Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1844-

Worcester is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on monday, the fourth day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then & there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st

To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2d Article 3d To bring in the votes for a County Treasurer.

To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of taxes, or act any thing respecting the Collection of taxes they may think proper.

Article 4th

To hear the report of their Committee chosen to Settle with their Treasurer, & inspect the accounts of their select men and Afselsors, for the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Article 5th

To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their work-house and poor establishment, the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Article 6

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their high-ways, Town-ways, and

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Bridges, the ensuing year—determine the manner of laying out the said money—fix the price of labour &c—on said roads.

Article 7

To see what method the town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminister lines, in repair the year ensuing.

Article 8

To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing

Article 9

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing; and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper.

Article 10

To see what disposition the town will make of the money they receive from the state school fund or act any thing thereon.

Article 11

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Article 12

To hear the report of their School Committee for the past year.

Artiele 13

To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells, for town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 14

To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle an Swine from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Article 15

To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town for the year ensuing.

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Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1844-

Article 16

To Choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing.

Article 17

To see if the town will authorise there Overseers of the poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act any thing thereon

Article 18

To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair, the Fire Engines,

Engine Houses, and all and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

Article 19

T see if the town will provide a new Engine for Engine Company No. 1, or act any thing thereon they think proper.

Article 20

To see if the town will alter and enlarge the Town Hall and other rooms in their Town House, and act any thing in regard to altering said Hall and House they think proper.

Article 21

To see if the town will unite School District No. 7 and 8 and also set off from the new District No. 7. Edward Smith and John Daisy, with their estates and annex then to District No. 6 or act any thing on the subject they may think proper.

Article 22

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the House of Amos Brown; and terminating near the house of Stilman Burnap as petitioned for by Daniel Taylor and others and act any thing in regard to said road they think proper.

Article 23

To hear the report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town and act thereon as they think proper. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings theron, to the Town Clerk on or before the thime of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four

Abel Thurston | Selectmen | Josiah Sheldon | of Timothy Vinton | Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the Meeting Houses in the Villiage of Fitchburg

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[281] 1844. March 4th. Town Meeting March 4.th 1844

Town Hall Fitchburg March 4th 1844. 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to the Warrant foregoing Recorded on Pages 279. & 280. the meeting was opened by Reading said Warrant and choosing Hon. Nathaniel Wood Moderator.

Moderator

Check List used in balloting for Selectmen & Town Clerk.

Prayer.

Prayer by Revr Mr Pettebone.

Article 1st. Town Clerk Chose s Jonas A. Marshall. Town Clerk who was sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting—the evidence of oaths administered to the Several Officers chosen at this meeting of whoim an oath is required is the same as in past rears viz. all who have the

Oaths.

letter s' only prefixed to their names were sworn in open town meeting on the day of their election and all haveing a date preceeding said s were qualified on the day of said date rispectively.

Selectmen

J. A. Marshall. Town Clerk—

Chose For Selectmen. s Josiah Sheldon.

s Timothy Vinton. s Alpheus Kimball.

Assessors

For Assessors Chose. s Cyrus Thurston.

s Levi Downe.

s Abel Thurston.

Adjournment

Moderator

At 12. o'clock M. the meeting adjourned for one hour for Dinner &c pursuant to which the meeting was opened at 1. O'clock P. M. The Moderator Hou Nath! Wood being obliged to leave town here resigned his office of Moderator whereupon the meeting voted and chose Captain Alpheus Boutelle Esq Moderator in place of Mr Wood.

Resigned & Chosen.

Overseers of Poor. Chose. William Carleton. Poor.

Isaiah Putnam.

Abel Thurston.

Treasurer Constables. For Town Treasurer Chose, s Ebenezer Torrey.

Voted to chose three Constables s David F. Me-Intire and a Timothy S. Wilson were chosen on the first ballot and after several unsuccesful ballotings for the third it was voted to pospone the further choice of Constables to the adjournment of this meeting on the motion of E. Torrey Esq who gave notice that at the adjournment he would move the choosing of an additional member.

[282] 1844. March 4th Constables Town Meeting March 4.th 1844.

For Constables, Chose s. David F. McIntire.) March s. Timothy S. Wilson. (4th

s. Alpheus Kimball.)

April 5th s Ivers Phillips. April 8th s Caleb W. Jaquith. April 1.

s Abel Stevens. s Charles Sawtell.

Chosen

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Article 2. County

Treasurer

Votes for County Treasurer were Reed Sorted Counted Counted and declared as the Law directs and were for the following persons who received Votes as follows viz Whole number of votes 162.

Anthony Chase had 160. Levi Downe 1.

Article 1st.

Field Drivers

School Committee

Isaac Davis High-way Surveyors posponed to adjournment.

For Field Drivers Chose

March 9th s. John Carr. March 7th s. Amos Lewis.

s. Charles T. Thurston.

s. William Wilder.

s. Asa Ramand.

s. Henry B. Leland.

s. Joseph Upton Jr. Stephen Tolman.

s. James L. Haynes.

s Edwin Upton.

For Fence Viewers Chose s. Isaac B. Woodard.

s. Abram Jaquith.

s. Abel Thurston.

James Hartwell. s. Benjamin Brown.

Fence Viewers [283] 1844. March 4th. Surveyors of Lumber. Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

For Surveyors of Lumber Chose

s. Abijah Hartwell. s. Ephraim Osborn Ir.

s. Iosiah Sheldon. s. James Whitney.

s. Edwin Upton. s. Levi Pratt.

s. Iames P. Putnam.

March 13. s. Justin Stearns.

s. Amos Durant. Gustavus Lyman.

Measurers of Wood & Bark. Voted that the Selectmen appoint.

Sealer of Weights &c

For Sealer of weights and measures chose s. Abiiah Hartwell.

Sealers of Leather

For Sealers of Leather chose s. Charles Sawtell.

Cullers of Hoops & Staves

s. Asa Patridge. For Cullers of Hoops and Staves Chose

s. Abel Thurston.

Pound Keeper Fire Wards

For Pound Keeper Chose s. Robert Sampson. For Fire Wards Chose.

Alpheus Kimball &

s. Norman Stone. Alpheus Kimball. J. A. Marshall.

Josiah Sheldon.

N. B. at. a meeting at the office of the Town Clerk held on the Monday evenning following by the Fire Wards they chose Josiah Sheldon Chief Engineer John Pritchard Assistant Eng. Attest I. A Marshall Clerk of the Meeting.

Ebenezer Torrev. Robert L. Fryar. John Coldwell. Timothy Vinton. Abel Simonds. Horace Newton. Alvah Crocker. Amos Durant. John H. Wheeler. Timothy S. Wilson. David F. McIntire. Charles Sawtell. John Pritchard.

The above fire wards were all notified and Signefied their acceptance except Alvah Crocker who was out of town.

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

1844. March 4th-Article 21. School Districts

Voted that Edward Smith and John Daisy with their estates be annexed to District number six (No. 6.).

Nos 6, 7, & 8,

Voted that School Districts Number Seven and Eight be united into One School District to be call District Number Eight.

Article 3.

Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector of Taxes the year ensuing.

Collection of Taxes.

Voted that the collection of the Taxes be now let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder on the same conditions as last year the same being done they were taken by Timothy S. Wilson at two dollars Sixty two and half cents (\$2.62½) on the hundred dollars. Charles Sawtell and William Carleton were offered and accepted as bonds men for Mr

Bondsmen

Wilson.

For Collector chose s. Timothy S. Wilson, Collector.

Article 4th. Report on

The Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors Treasury &c. was here read and accepted for the past year. Voted that the Report of Said committee togather with the men's Report Report of the Selectmen be printed No 600. (copies)

And Selectprinted

For a Committee to Settle with the Treasurer Committee to Treasurer for and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

Settle with 1844

> David Boutelle. Chose. Horace Newton. Abel Stevens.

(Selectmen to Print)

Article 5.

Past over to adjournment.

Article 7. County Roads

Voted that the Roads mentioned in the Seventh Article be put into the Highway Lists as all our other Roads now are

Article 6. Highways & Bridges \$.2000.

Voted to Raise the Sum of Two Thousand dollars for the Support of Highways, Town ways, and Bridges the year ensuing and that the same prices for labour be allowed as last year.

Article 1st. Highway Surveyors.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to nominate and Report at the adjournment a list for Highway Surveyors

Article 8th Bridge Com.

Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Bridges.

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

1844 March 4th Article 9. \$1500. For Schools

For the Support of Schools the year ensuing Voted to Raise the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars and that it be divided as last year.

Article 10. School. Fund.

Voted that the money Recd. by the Town out of the State School fund be divided as the Money raised by the town for the Support of Schools.

Article 11. Town Charges \$3500. Article 13 Ring Bell

For necessary Town charges Voted to raise Three Thousand five hundred Dollars.

Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for Ringing one of the Bells for town purposes the year ensuing. Voted that Hoses and all other animals mentioned

Article 14 Horses

in this Article be restrained from running at large. Voted That the Treasurer be Authorized to bor-

Article 15. may Borrow row money for the use of the Town. Money Article 16, Town House.

Town House. Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Town House.

Article 17. Poor Farm

Poor Farm. Voted the the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more vears.

Article 18th. Engines

Voted. That the Selectmen take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and other Fire Apparatus attached to the same belonging to the town.

Article 19. Article 20. Town House Alteration Com. on.

Voted that the twentieth Article in the warrant be referred to a committee and that they report

thereon at the adjournment of this meeting. Chose for that committee John Pritchard Abel Thurston Arnold Wilson

Past over to adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at One O'clock P. M.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844 Town Meeting. Adjournment Town Meeting April 1, 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1, 1844, at 1, o'clock April 1, 1844, P. M. Pursuant to adjournment from March 4th the meeting was opened by the Moderator

Article 1st. Constables

Voted to choose five Constables in addition to the two chosen in March last

Chose Alpheus Kimball Ivers Phillips Caleb W. Jaquith Abel Stevens

Charles Sawtell who were all sworn See Page 282 of this Book.

School Committee For School Committee Chose Horace Newton

Levi Downe Charles Mason Thomas R. Boutelle Asa Farwell

Highway Surveyors For Highway Surveyors-Chose

s. Robert Sampson James McIntire Levi Kendall

s. I. Foster Beal s. Loring Wheeler s. Alpheus Boutelle

s. William Woodbury Jr s. Abel Simonds s. William B. Phelps

Alonzo P. Goodridge s. Timothy W. Kinsman

s. Asa Sawyer s. David Lowe

s. Daniel S. Eaton s. Daniel Works

s. Warren Worcester s. Asa Ramond

s. John Smith s. Dexter Farwell s. Thomas S. Eaton

s. Levi Pratt s. Samuel Burnap

s. Winchester Wyman s. Samuel Shattuck

s. Silas W. Hutchinson

s. Asa Farwell s. Abraham Osborn

s. Daniel Lowe

[287] April 1. Article 5 Town Meeting April 1st 1844.

Report on Poor Farm

The Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of the Poor establishment for the year past here made their Report which was read and accepted—the Report showed the whole amount for the Support of Poor in Town \$407.35, and at the Farm \$261.29.

Committee on Poor Farm Voted and chose David Boutelle

Alpheus Boutelle

Daniel Works a committee to ascertain the expenses for the Support of Poor the

vear ensuing.

The School Committee for the past year here made their Report which was read and accepted.

Article 19. Fire Engine No 1.

Article 12

Voted to appropriate Three hundred Dollars for a new Fire Engine for Engine Company No 1, whenever an additional sum sufficient to purchase-with said Three hundred Dollars-a good Engine is obtained by subscription. The Select-men were chosen a committee to procure said Engine when the necessary funds are raised

Committee Article 20.

Voted to pass over the twentieth Article in the warrant.

Article 22

The following Report of the Selectmen of a Road (was next read) Laid out on the petition of Daniel Taylor & others

Road Report

Road Report. from Amos Browns to Abraham Bennett's

We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid for the use of Said town, a town way as follows: Beginning on the Notherly side of the Road from Amos Brown to Joseph T. Scott's at a Stake & Stones about two rods Easterly from the brook thence North 53° 30' West 251/2 Rods thence North 65° 15' west 14 rods 5 links on the land of Amos Brown to a corner of James McIntire's land thence North 46º West 67 Rods on land of Jacob Brown thence North 45° West 21. rods 10. links on disputed land of James McIntire and Jacob Brown thence North 41º West 141/2 Rods on land of the Heirs of

Daniel McIntire thence North 35º West 8 rods 20 links on land of James Hartwell, thence North 269 30' West 13 Rods 20 links on land of said Hartwell. thence North 20º 45' West 11. Rods 5 links on land of James McIntire, thence North 23° 45' West 24 Rods on land of said McIntire, thence North 11º West 39, rods on land of Asa Ramond, thence North 15º West 57, rods on land of said Ramond, thence North 4º East 71.1/2 Rods on land of Silas Hutchinson, thence North 4º East 54 rods on land of Stilman Burnap to land of Abraham Bennett, All the above bounds are on the Easterly side of the said Road and to be two rods wide

(over)

Town Meeting April 1, 1844.

Also another piece of Road commencing on the Easterly Side of the new contemplated road on the land of Asa Raymond thence North 369 30'. E. 12 Rods to the corner of James McIntire and Daniel Taylor land, all the bounds are on the Southerly side of said Road, and to be two Rods wide. And we have appraised the damage as follows, to Amos Brown \$75.00. to Jacob Brown \$70.00 to the disputed land between Jacob Brown and James McIntire \$32.00 to the Heirs of Daniel McIntire \$22.00 to James McIntire \$54.00 to Asa Raymond \$123.00 to Silas Hutchinson \$59.00 to James Hartwell \$25.00 The above damages to be paid by the said Town of Fitchburg when Said Road is opened, and we allow the owners three months to remove the wood and timber Standing thereon. Which Said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known

> Josiah Sheldon Timothy Vinton | Fitchburg

) Selectmen

After the above Report had been read Mr Daniel

as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fourth day of February in the year eighteen

hundred and forty four. Abel Thurston

[288] 1844. April 1.

Alterations Recorded in this Book Page 299, Taylor agreed to pay the sum of fifty Dollars and make twelve rods of Road. Abraham Bennett also agreed to make twenty five rods of the Road at the end nearest his house, after the above offers by Mr Taylor and Mr Bennett had been made in open town meeting and taken down by the Clerk the Town Voted to accept Said Report and that the Selectmen be a committee to let out and Superintend the making of said Road and that said road be completed to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of October next.

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

[289] 1844. April 1. Contractors quished to

The Committee chosen to let out and Superintend Ashby Road the making the new Road to Ashby Reported that Interest relin- they had made certain andvances to Misrs Smith the contractors for which they had taken the Notes of the said Smiths on interest—that the Road should have been finished last fall but was not and the town had had the use of said Road since the time for finishing the same had expired and that we should probably have a better Road than we should have had provided it had been finished according to contract whereupon the Town voted to authorize the Committee aforesaid to relinquish all claim for interest on money advanced to the said Smiths

Article 1. Highway Surveyor

Voted to choose one additional Highway Surveyor Chose s William B. Phelps.

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chose for Field Drivers in addition to Those chosen in March

> William McIntire Daniel Virgil Samuel Hale 2d

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Measurers of Wood &

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have appointed the following persons Measurers of Wood & Bark for the present year

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen April 1. 1844

Ephraim Osborn 3^d Ebenezer Ball

April 15 s. Asher Green September 18 s. Timothy Vinton April 1. s William Wilder

Addison Davis John L. Joslin S. M. Dole Sanford Sawyer

Robert L. Frayer
Abel Simonds

May 2 s. John Kendall Robert Sampson

Timothy Vinton (Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball) Fitchburg

Fitchburg April 1, 1844

Warrant for Town Meeting to Vote for County Commissioners April 1, 1844.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid. Greeting- In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the first day of April next, at one O'clock, in the after noon, then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two Special Commissioners, for the County of Worcester. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid-Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton (Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball) Fitchburg

[290] 1844, April 1. Woreester March 25, 1844. By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs or Elections by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the Meeting-houses in said town.

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[291] 1844. Town Meeting April 1. Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1, 1844, 1, O.'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading the warrant—Selectmen presiding Votes were Reed, Sorted, counted and declared as the law directs and were as follows.

For County Commissioners

Whole number of votes 189.

County Commissioners William Crawford had 100. Votes
Jerome Gardner " 103. "
Joseph Bruce " 104. "
Adam Harrington " 85. "
Warren Humes " 85. "

Warren Humes " 85. "
Gardner Ruggles " 85. "

For Special Commissioners

Whole number of Votes 189.

Jason Goulding had 104. Votes Stephen Davis " 103. "

Dexter Gilbert " 85 "

Sullivan Thayer " 85. "

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

1844, April 1.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Warrant.

Worcester is: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of April next, at

three o'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles.

To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

To see if the Town will accept the Road laid out by the Scleetmen as prayed for by Abel Thurston and others or act anything thereon.

[292] 1844. April 1st.

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Warrant for Town Meeting April 1, 1844

To see if the Town will unite School Districts No 10, and 11, in Fitchburg and make of them one District or act anything upon the Subject they may think proper.

To see if the Town will take David Whitemore Ebent Whitemore and Asa Kinsman and their estates from District No 1. and annex them and their estates to District No 10. or act any-thing thereon.

To see if the Town will abate any tax or taxes that have been assessed to Isaac Bartlett of Worcester by the Town.

To see if the Town will incur the expense of diging Graves and Making Coffins or act any-thing in regard to the same they may think proper.

To see if the Town will abate all the uncollected Taxes in the hands of David F. Mc.Intire Collector for the year of Eighteen hundred and forty or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will provide of Safe for to keep the books of the Town in or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton (Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball) Fitchburg

Worcester fs: March 23th 1844. By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote as within directed

D. F. McIntire Constable of said Town

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[293] 1844. April 1. Town Meeting

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1, 1844 at 3, O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met and the meeting was opened by reading said warrant and organized by choosing under the first Article in the Warrant Nathaniel Wood Esq. Moderator.

Article 1st

Under this Article the following report was made by the Selectmen on the Petition of Abel Thurston and others.

Road Report

Road by School-house No 1. Reported on Petition of Abel Thurston & others,

"We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows. Beginning on the Notherly side of the County Road opposite Joseph Baldwins Store at the corner of the School House lot on said County Road thence N 26° 30'. E. 210 feet on the line of the School House lot, thence N. 26, 30', E. 24, Rods 18 links over land of Benjamin Snow and Abel Thurston, the said Road is to be two Rods wide on the land of the said Benjamin Snow and Abel Thurston and 21, feet wide against the land of Charles Sawtell-then 20 feet wide to the County Road and to lie on the Westerly side of said line, and the owners of the land over which said road passes relinquish all damages for laying said Way over their land Reserving to Abel Thurston the right to have the ornamental Oak tree now standing near his house remain-And also the right to have his wood shed remain as it now stands until such times as he shall choose to remove the same—which Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded

is forever after to be known as a public Town Way. Dated at Fitchburg this twentieth day of March in the year 1844.

Timothy Vinton | Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball Fitchburg"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The above Report having been read to the Town it was voted that said Report be Accepted. Voted that the Selectmen Superintend the making of said road and that the road be completed to their acceptance by the first of July next.

The third Article was taken up and the subject Article 3. Nos 10. & 11 therein contained was considered and on vote was rejected.

Article 4. David Whitemore, Ebenezer Whitemore and Asa School Districts Nos 1. Kinsman with their estates taken from District No 1. and annexed to District No 10, by vote of the Town.

Voted to abate the Taxes afsessed to Isaac Bartlett of Worcester.

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Voted that the expense of Diging Graves, Making Common pine Coffins and Attending Funerals with the Hurse be paid by the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen advertise for proposals for each of the above particulars.

Voted that the Selectmen examine the Tax Book for 1840 in the hands of D. F. McIntire and grant him an order of Abatement on all Taxes not collectable provided they do not exceed the sum of Seventeen Dollars.

Voted that the Selectmen procure a Suitable Safe for the preservation of the Books & Records of the Town.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

I. A Marshall Town Clerk.

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Article 6. Burials Exp of paid by

Article 7. Taxes abated

Article 8 Safe

[295]1844.

Roll of Militia of the Town of Fitchburg 1844.

The following pages contain a list of names of persons liable to be enrolled as Soldiers in the town of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1844 taken by the Subscribers Afsefsors of Fitchburg. Fitchburg May 16th 1844

Sewall F. Adams Justin Austin David Battles Joseph Battles Jr Charles Battles Samuel Burnap Calvin Battles J. Foster Beals Joseph Bemis Flavel Barns Dana Barrel Ebeneazer H. Bartlett Albert Conant Abijah Carter James Cooper Charles F. Conant Andrew J. Conant W^m S. Downe Albert B. Damon Addison W. Damon William Damon Newton Downe Samuel H. Evans Thomas S. Eaton Dexter Farwell Levi Farnsworth Levi Fullum Charles Farwell Alfred Fox Johnathan Farnsworth Jr Johnathan Whitman Elijah C. Farwell Haskell Farwell Henry B. Farwell Roswell Graham John Goodridge Jr Pliney Gates James H. Goodridge

Cyrus Thurston Assessors Levi Downe Abel Thurston | Fitchburg

Abijah Goodridge George Goodridge Austin B. Gates Richard Horn Willard Harris Levi H. Keyes Francis Lowe Daniel P. Maynard Henry Maynard Adam Miller Alvan Osborn Silas Pratt Israel H. Parker Moses Perkins Ir Lincoln Pratt Isaac Ripley Ezra B. Stevens Everett Sprague Rufus P. Smith John Sullivan Humphrey Sullivan Lorenzo Turner Henry B. Town A. B. Tilton James F. Vanderford Naham Wetherbee James Whitney Wm Woodbury Jr Sabin Woodbury Aaron Wheeler Rinaldo Weeks Almond Wheeler James B Wheeler James Welch Ira Younglove Daniel Andrews

George W. Aldrich Alonzo Andrew Lewis Aldrich Lysander Andrews Job S. Bigelow Iosiah W. Boutell Jacob Brown Stillman Burnap Elisha Brown George Bofs Isaac T. Babbit Alvah A. Beckwith Ebn F. Baily Charles E. Brooks Walton Ball. Murry Bartlett Nathan L. Battles Cyrel Bowker Enos Bigelow Saml Bennett Loren Brown Samuel Carter Elijah S. Carter Nathan Caswell Stephen Caswell. Sherman G. Conant Franklin Colburn Henry Conant Austin S. Crehore William Coughlin Joseph Craton Charles Carleton Sullivan B. Davis Hiram Davis 2nd Wm L. Davis Joseph D. Dresser Charles S. Davis John Dawson Albert G. Danforth Daniel Emory Amos Eaton Henry G. Farnsworth Job Foster Daniel Fish Levi Farwell Barney Fuller Ward B. Farrer Arrington Gibson 2nd Arrington Gibson 3rd Iacob Gibson Josep Gibson Jerimiah K. Gibson

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Asher Green Jefferson A. Goodridge Alfred Gay John Gibb's Nath! Gilmore Charles Carter Henry Grimes Ira Green Charles Gragg Ebeneazer C. Heyden Charles W. Holt George W. Hager Jacob Haskell Nelson G. Heyden John M. Harris Samuel Hale 2nd D. H. Hale Isaac Himes Charles Howard Samuel Hayden

Frederick Hodgman Alfred Hartwell Stephen Holman Joshua Judkins Jerimiah Kinsman Jr W^m L. Kinsman Elijah C. Keith Enoch Kendall Frediriek Kendall Hiram Kemp Freeborn Lawrence Uriah Lawrence Edwin Lamb Gustavus Lyman Henry Lowe Franklin Lyon Lemuel Long Benj^m Lewis James B. Lane David H. Merriam

Charles H. Merriam Moses Marshall Jed Mayo W^m Miles James McIntire Stephen McIntire Lyman McIntire Reubin McIntire Joseph Maynard John Q. Mellen Francis McIntire Hiram P. Nutting Samuel P. Nye George Naramore David Ordway Wm Oreuit Francis Phillips Levi H. Phelps John Pritchard Luther Parker Porter Piper Sullivan G. Proctor Solomon Pratt Peter H. Putman Lewis Phelps David M. Parker Enoch Page Jerome S. Parker Henry Phillips Thadeus Pettiplace Thomas Pollard Frederick B. Pratt Leverett Phelps Horoace R. Rice Zacheus Richardson Reubin Rugg William Reed Nathan Reed G. W. Rockwood Benjamin Safford Loriston Stockwell Joseph T. Scott Abel Stephens Joshua H. Smith David A. Smith Benjin Snow Jr Orville Stiles

James F. Stiles Allen Smith Milton Stanley Hartson Sheldon Warren C. Sturtevant J. D. Sanborn Henry Sockett Aaron Davis Chs Smith Edward Sockett Andrew J. Twitchell David Taylor Jr Moses Town John M. Twitchell George A. Thayer Timothy Underwood Nathan Whitcomb Winchester Wyman W^m G. Wyman James Whittemore Edwin Wheeler Alfred M. Wetherbee John Wells Saml Whitney Isaac D. Wiswall Daniel L. Ware Joseph Willard George D. Wolf Artemas R. Smith Horace C. Crehore Edwin M. Day Solmon W. Putman John Putman Alfred Wheeler Morrill Dole Quncy Lynch Philander H. Fletcher Samuel Loveland Willard Foster Calvin W Wheeler Caleb Winch David Tyler Elias Gates Thos Oakman Charles S. Farrer Augustus Sawyer William Blifs

L. B. Comee James R. Burditt Albert T. Burditt Caleb W. Jaquith William Comee Edwin Holmes Cahil Tolman Thomas Hale Abram Osborn 2nd Reubin Gibson Clark Simonds

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William Marshall Joel Davis Samuel M. Caswell. Elisha Withington Abel Derby Fitch Downe Francis E. Williams Wm P. Grav. Reubin Smith Stephen Taft Josiah Chase Addison Davis Joseph Boynton Jr Charles H Raymond Eli W. Raymond Micah Shattuck Jr Samuel Farwell Samuel Farwell Joseph Smith John Hammond Austin P. Farwell Charles Davis Zaphaniah Hammond Charles P. Dean Andrew J. Dean Winson Cooper Jabez Flint Amos Lewis W^m B. Phelps Hosea Caswell Josiah Caswell Jr Levi Sherwin Henry Atherton Benjm T. Wheeler Daniel S. Eaton Lorenzo Kinsman

Samuel D. Sheldon Israel N. Carter George O. Stickney Leonard Hartwell Lyman Baker Samuel Saunders George L. Adams Samuel Harwood Peter S. Carter Asa R. Lovell Sumner D. Boynton David Richardson Charles Russell Charles Kinsman Thomas Hastings Hiram W. Pitts Nelson P. Cozzens Simon B. Crane Salmon W. Wilder Chandlar Crocker Jonas H. Holden Velorus Whipple John Seism George Tilden Benjm F. Proctor Joseph Baldwin 2nd Saml Dexter Lemuel W Gibson John Dole Saml M. Dole Joseph Pierce Olover Eaton Lewis G. Wright Daniel Mefsenger Philander Lord.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk Whole number enrolled 342.

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Worcester ff To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the seventeenth day of August inst at three o clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st

To choose a Moderator for said meeting

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the house of Charles Brigham and terminating near the house of Sanford Sawyer as petitioned for by Cyrus Thurston and others and act any thing in regard to said road they think proper.

they think proper.

To see if the town will accept of the alterations made by the Selectmen on the road leading from Amos Brown,s to Stillman Burnap,s

4th To

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing on the road near the house of Barker Gibson,s and terminating at the new County road to Ashby as petitioned for by Barker Gibson and others and act any thing regard to said road they think proper.

' 5th

To see if the town will choose a committee to meet the County Commissioners when they come to town to lay out the road petitioned by Justin Stearns and others or act anything thereon And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Ninth day of

August in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four.

> Iosiah Sheldon) Selectmen Timothy Vinton Alpheus Kimball J Fitchburg

Worcester fs. by virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as within directed

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk

[299] 1844. August 17. Town Meeting

Town Meeting August 17, 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg August 17, 1844. 3, O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Mr William Woodbury Moderator under the first Article in the Warrant

Article 2d

The Following Report was then read to the Town on the petition of Cyrus Thurston & others—

Road Report.

Road Report Accepted Conditionally.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of By High-School House Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a town way as follows Beginning at the corner of the land of Charles Brigam and the high School Afsociation thence N. 33° 30' E 19 rods thence N. 19° 30' E. 3 rods thence N. 13° 45' E. 2 rods all on the land of the High School Association thence N 13° 45' 1 rod thence N 9° 45' E 3 rods thence N 4° 30' E 3 rods thence N 0° 30' W 3 rods thence N 4° 30' W 3 rods thence N 13° W 9 rods & 6 links all on the land of Jonas A. Marshall thence N 7° 45' W 3 rods thence N 1° 15′ W 3 rods thence N 2° 30′ E 30 rods to the land of Abel Fox all over the land of Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale and said road is to be 40 feet wide and all the bounds are on the westerly side of said road And we have apprised the damage to the owners of the land over which said road passes as follows to the High School Association twenty five dollars to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened and Jonas A. Marshall Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale release all damage for said road passing over their land Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of June in the year 1844.

Josiah Sheldon \ Selectmen of Timothy Vinton \ Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Mefsrs C. Thurston & Thomas Hale agree to build the Road free from any expense to the Town for building said Road and to the acceptance of the Scelectman within one year—after the above Report had been read and the foregoing agreement of Mefsrs Thurston & Hale been made to the Town it was voted to accept said Report provided the Town are indemnified from any further expense for said Road except the Twenty five Dollars appraised as damage to the High-School Association by the Said Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale.

Article 3.
Road from
Amos
Brown's to
Stillman
Burnap's
Alterations in
See Page 287.
Accepted.

The Following Report of alterations in the Road Recorded on Page 287, of this Book was read to the town and Accepted

Report of Alterations in Road Location

We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg Report the following alterations which they have made in the Road ordered to be built leading from Amos Brown's to Stillman Burnap's as follows. On the land of Amos Brown

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where it connects with the road that passes by said Brown commencing at the wall on said road about 25 ft from the southeasterly corner of the present location and on a curve to 8 ft from the present location thence in a curve about 25 ft till it intersects the Easterly line of said road also on the land of Heirs of Daniel McIntire one degree more north than on the land of James Hartwell N 30° 30' W instead of N. 35° W thence on said Hartwell land N 28° 30 W instead of N 26° 30' W then on the land of Asa Raymond N 15° W 451/2 rods then 6° W 111/2 rods instead of N 15° W, 57 rods and we have awarde to Amos Brown five Dollars as damage for the above alteration then on the land of Silas W. Hutchinson N 6° W 12½ rods instead of N 4° E and we have awarded to said Hutchinson three dollars damage for the above alteration & no damage to any other for the above alterations Which is reported to the town for acceptance and when accepted & recorded to be forever known as the line of said road. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of June in the year 1844

Josiah Sheldon \ Selectmen of Timothy Vinton \ Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 4.

Report of a Road by the Selectmen on the Petition of Barker Gibson and others was read—and on Vote was accepted. The Selectmen were chosen a Committee to let out and superintend the making of said Road which is to be finished to their acceptance by the first of November next. the following is the

Report of the Road on the Petition of Barker Gibson & others

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a Road Report town way as follows Beginning at a stake by the wall on the southwesterly side of the present road pertitioners to Barker Gibson, and thirty six rods from said Gibson, shouse measuring in the present road thence S. 35° 30′ E 13½ rods partly on the old road and partly on the land of Barker Gibson, thence S. 63° E. 11¾ rods on Barker Gibson, and thence S 60° E 6 rods and 9 links thence S 52° E 4 rods & 9 links

thence S 45° E 4 rods & 9 links thence S. 39° E 4 rods & 21 links to a birch tree all on the land of Barker Gibson thence S 19° E 5 rods 6 links to a Leverwood tree partly over the land of Barker Gibson and partly over land of Levi McIntire thence S 8° E 4 rods and 24 links thence S 2° E 5 rods & 6 links thence S 10° W. 6 rods and 15 links to the new County road to Ashby all on the land of Levi McIntire The said road to be 2½ rods wide and all the bounds are on the southwest & westerly side of said road and we have apprised the damages to the owners of the land over which the road passes as follows to Levi McIntire ten dollars And the said Barker Gibson releases all damages for laying said road over his land

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the above damage to be paid to the said McIntire by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to known as a public town way Dated at Fitchburg this ninth day of August in the year 1844

Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen Timothy Vinton | of Alpheus Kimball Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 5.

Voted to pass over the fifth Article. Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

School District No 8. Non Residents Taxed in School Districts No 8.

To the Clerk of the town of Fitchburg We the Subscribers, Afsesors of Fitchburg have this day determined that Samuel Cooper of Westminster David Flint Saml Gibson Saml P. Gibson Sewall Gibson all of Ashby John Cowdin of Boston and Richard Hill of — Non Resident owners of Real Estate in said

Fitchburg shall hereafter be taxed in school district No eight agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth said district consists of what was formerly Nos seven & eight Fitchburg Sept 18th 1844

Cyrus Thurston Afsessors
Levi Downe of
Abel Thurston Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Perambulations of Town lines

This certifies that We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg and Lunenburg have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen
Abel Thurston of
Appointed by Fitchburg
Ithra Lewis Selectmen of
Andrew Conant Lunenburg

Perambulations of Town lines

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg and Ashburnham have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided Nov 8th 1844

> Josiah Sheldon Abel Thurston Appointed by Fitchburg Ohio Whitney Jehiel Watkins Appointed by Selectmen

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg & Ashby have this day perambulated the lines between said towns accordind to the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Nov 8th 1844

Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen Abel Thurston | of Appointed by | Fitchburg Ephraim Hayward | Selectmen Joel Hayward | of Ashby

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Perambulation of Town Lines

Perambulation of Town Lines This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Leominster and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided

Leominster Oct 10, 1844

James Burditt | Selectmen of Emory Burrage | Leominster Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen Abel Thurston | of Apt by | Fitchburg

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Westminster and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided

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Benja Wyman Selectmen of Marshall White Westminster
Josiah Sheldon Selectmen
Abel Thurston of Appointed by Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Worcester, fs—To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Maßachußetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the eleventh day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at eleven of the clock in the forenoon. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

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To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for twelve Electors of President and vice President of the United States all on one ballot

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a 3rd Representative to Congress for District No 4

To determine if the town will choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court the present year (and if so)

To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston the first Wednesday of January next

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four

> Iosiah Sheldon) Seleetmen Timothy Vinton } Alpheus Kimball Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov 9th 1844 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of to meet at the time and place as within directed

> T. S. Wilson? Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844. Town Meeting Town Meeting November 11. 1844.

Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on last page the Novmber 11. Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the Town Hall November 11th 1844 at 11. o'clock A. M. The meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant. Selectmen presiding. Check list used as the law directs. Votes under the different Articles in the Warrant were Reed. Sorted, Counted, Recorded, Declared and Returned as the Law prescribes and were as follows.

Dist 1

Article 1st.	For Governor	Whole number of George N. Briggs George Bancroft. Samuel E. Sewell	had—244. " —236.
	For Lt. Gover	nor Whole number	
		3	had 244.
		Henry H. Childs	" 235.
		William Jackson	" 105.
	For Senators	whole number of	votes 583
		Levi Lincoln 1	nad 244.
		Linus Child	" -244.
		Dan Hill	" — 244.
		John G. Thurston	" - 244.
		Joseph Stone	" -244.
		Walter A. Bryant	" — 234.
		Kilburn Harwood	" - 234.
		Adam Harrington	" — 235.
		Jared Benson	" 235.
		Amasa Walker	" —234.
		James G. Carter	" — 103.
		Otis Brigham	" 104.
		Gilmore Jones	" - 104
		Elihu Burritt	" —104.
		Phineas Bemis	" 103.
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Article 2.	For Electors number of vot		ice President whole
At Large		Abbott Lawrence	had 230.
		Lewis Strong	" — 230.
		Gayton P. Osgood	
		Samuel C. Allen	" -222.

Joel Hayden

John G. Whittier

Nathan Appleton

Charles G. Green

Timothy Gilbert

·· -112.

·· -112.

had 230.

" -223. " -112.

2	John Perry Allen	had	230.
	Eben ^r H. Staey		-223.
	Nathan D. Chase	4.6	112.
3	Homer Bartlett	had	230.
	Hiram Plummer		-223.
	Willard Brown	4.4	112.
4	Abraham R. Thompson	had-	-230.
	Chas Thompson		-223,
	John Fletcher	4.4	112.
5	Charles Allen	had	230.
	J. S. C. Knowlton	4.6	223.
	Phineas Crandall	4.4	112
6	William B. Calhoun	4.6	230.
	H. G. Newcomb	6.6	223.
	John Dickenson Jr	6.6	112.
7	Channey B. Rising	had	230.
	Orin Sage	4.6	223.
	Edward Laselle	6.6	112.
8	Elijah Vose	had	230.
	Artemas Brown	4.4	223.
	Jefse Wheaton	4.6	112.
9	William Baylies	had	230.
	Peter H. Pierce	4.6	223.
	Laban M. Wheaton	6.6	112.

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November 11. 10.	Seth Crowell	had	230.
	John H. Shaw	6.6	223.
	Gilbert Richmond	6.6	112.

Article 3rd For Representatives to Congress whole number of votes 576.

William Parmenter had 238. Benjamin Thompson "232. Thomas W. Ward "106.

Article 4. Voted to send a Representative to the General Court the present year

Votes for a Representative to the General Court Article 5. were Recd Counted and Declared as follows

For Representative Whole number of Votes 530,

Representano choise.

Joseph Upton Ir had 211. Ivers Phillips 211. John L. Joslin 105. Joseph Upton 2. Edwin Upton

Number necessary for a choice 266, no one had that number, whereupon the town voted not to send a Representative to the General Court this year.

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Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant. Novmber 11

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts your are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the eleventh day of November inst at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st

To see what method the town will take to support their insane poor

Art 2nd

To see if the town will discontinue the travel on the Common between the two rows of maple trees and as far down as these trees extend and cause a railing to be put around said trees or act anything thereon

Art 3d.

To see if the town will defray any part of the expense of a town clock to be placed on the second Parish Meeting House for the use of the town or act anything thereon.

Art 4th.

To see if the town will make any further appropriation for the purchase of a new Engine to supply the place of Engine No 1 or act anything in regard to a new Engine they may think proper.

Art 5th

To see if the Town will provide additional seats for the town Hall or act anything in regard to providing seats or altering said Hall they may think proper.

Art 6th

To see if the town will accept of any Roads laid out by their Selectmen or act anything they may think proper in relation to said roads

Art 7th.

To see if the town will discontinue the old travelled road leading from the house of William Marshall to the house of Ebeneazer Whittemore and adjoining land owned by Addison Hubbard or act anything thereon they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton (Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball) Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov. 9th 1844 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the time and place as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[308] 1844. Novm 11. Town Meeting Town Meeting November 11. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 11th 1844. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at 3. o'clock P. M. by reading the warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Article 1st. Insane Poor Voted to choose a Committee of five to investigate the subject of the first Article.

Chose. William Carleton
Abel Thurston
Isaiah Putnam
Jefse Spaulding
William Woodbury said Committee

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Article 2d Discontinuing

Voted to Discontinue the Travel on the Common Travel on the between the two rows of Maple Trees and as far Common &c. down as specified in this Article and that the same may be fenced provided it shall be done free of expense to the twon.

Article 3d. Town Clock

Voted to pay One half the expense of a First Rate Clock to be placed on the Second Parish Meeting-House provided the said one half does not exceed Two hundred Dollars.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to see this money properly applied.

Article 4th. Fire Engine

Voted not to appropriate any more money for a new Fire Engine.

Article 5th Town Hall Scats for.

Voted that the Selectmen procure such movable seats for the Town Hall as they think proper

Article 6.

The Two following Reports of the Selectmen of Roads laid out by them One on the petition of Hiram Davis and others the Other at the Request of said Davis were read and on vote were both accepted.

Report of Roads on the petition of Hyram Davis & others

Road by Hyram Davis Accepted.

We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows Begining at the Southeasterly corner of Hiram Davis front vard and forty feet from the corner of Daniel Flint Ir front yard at the southeasterly corner of the same thence N. 32° E. 132 feet over a forty foot passway to land of H. Davis and at Northwesterly corner of D. Flints Jr. land on the easterly side of said road there is to be a rounded corner begining at a point four and a half feete southwesterly from the corner of said Flints land and five feet easterly and three & a half feet diagonal with a radius that will circle the three points and at the place of begining

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at the corner of said Davis the corner is to be curved viz begining at said Davis corner aforesaid thence

westerly nine feet from the same and northerly nine feet from the same and four feet diagonal with a radius that will make the three points in the circumference of a circle the above described road is to be forty feet wide and is to be continued over the land of Hiram Davis forty feet in the same direction aforesaid and the bounds on the westerly side of said road, thence S. 58° E. forty feet over H. Davis land and contained in the road before described to Land of Oakman and Tilden thence S. 58° E. 318% feet over land of oakman and Tilden Orvel Stiles Mindwell & A. Beckwith Moses Marshall to land of the heirs of Samuel Willis the said road to be forty feet wide and the bounds on on the Northerly side of the same And we have not awarded any damages to the owners of the land on each side of said way.

Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a publick Town way. Dated at Fitchburg this fourth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton (Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball) Fitchburg.

We have also at the request of Hiram Davis laid out for the use of said town another town way, commencing at a corner of Tilden & oakman,s land upon the Northerly side of the town road above laid out thence running North 32° East 18 rods & 17 links all on land of said Hiram Davis and the road to be two rods wide lying Westerly of the above line said road is already made & constructed to our acceptance and we have awarded no damages as said Davis asks nothing which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Timothy Vinton) Fitchburg

Fitchburg November 4. 1844.

Road by Hyram Davis Accepted H. Davis' Certificate I hereby waive any and all formalities, and request the town to accept the last named way at the same time they do the one first above named I also give all Damages Hiram Davis.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 7. Old Road from Wm. Marshall's to E. Whitemores Refered to Selectmen Voted that the subject of the Seventh Article be refered to the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[310] 1844. September 30. Warrant Recor Out of Order by Mistake J. A. M. T. Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Maßachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg quallified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the thirteenth day of September inst at three colock in the afternoon then and

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there to act on the following articles.

To choose a Moderator

2d.

To choose a Committee to let out and superintend the building of the road on Mechanic Street as ordered by the County Commissioners

3. To see if the town will repair or rebuild the bridge over the river to South Fitchburg or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty third day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Timothy Vinton) Fitchburg Worcester fs. September 23, 1844. I this day notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs by posting up copies of the within warrant as directed.

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Septembe 30. Town Meeting

Article 1.

Town Hall Fitchburg September 30, 1844, 3, o'clock P. M. The Town Meeting was opened pursuant to the foregoing warrant by reading the same and under Article first choosing Abel Thurston Moderator

Article 2 Mechanic Street Com on Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out Superintend building of the Road described in the Second Article according to the directions of the County Commissioners.

Chose

Josiah Sheldon Cyrus Thurston

Alpheus Kimball Said Committee.

Article

Voted to pass over the third Article. Dissolved—Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. The above Town Meeting is Recorded out of order by mistake Town meetings in November recorded before it.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[312] 1844. December 23. Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting December 23. 1844.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid—Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the twon of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the Twenty Third day of December inst at one o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

Art 1st.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in District No 4, to represent them in Congress for the term of two years from the 4th of March 1845.

Art. 2d.

To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at any former meeting of the Town. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 9th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Josiah Sheldon \ Selectmen of Alpheus Kimball Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town

Town Meeting December 23, 1844.

December 23 Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg December 23, 1844, 1 O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the same Selectmen presiding, check List used as the Law directs Votes under the first Article were Reed, sorted, counted and declared as the law directs, and were as follows.

Article 1. Representative to Congress

For Representative to Congress whole number of Votes 352.

Benjamin Thompson had 155. William Parmenter 164. Thomas W. Ward 33.

Article 2

The meeting was organized for Town business by choosing Capt. Alpheus Boutelle Moderator

Reports on the Insane Poor,

The Committee chosen under the first Article of the Warrant for Town business in Nover last on the

subject of Insane Poor made reports under this Article the three Overseers of the poor made a verbal Report that there was no cause of complaint against the Overseer of the Farm (Poor Establishment) on account of his treatment of the Insane Poor. The other gentlemen of said Committee Mr William Woodbury and Mr Jefse Spaulding made a written report which is on file in the Town Clerks office after some warm debate on the subject it was voted that the Report be laid on the Table. Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[314] 1845. Warrant March 3. 1845. Warrant for Town Meeting March 3. 1845.

To either of Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the third day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1.

To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2. Art. 3. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer,

Collector of Taxes, or act anything respecting the collection of taxes they may think proper.

Art. 4.

To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to Settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen, and Assessors, for the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Art 5

To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work-House and Poor Establishment, the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.

Art. 6.

To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways, Town-Ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c. on said Roads.

Art. 7.

To see what method the town will adopt to keep the principal Roads from Leominster to Westminster and Ashby lines, in repair the year ensuing

Art 8

To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

[315] 1845. March 3. Art 9. Warrant for Town Meeting March 3, 1845.

To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

Art. 10,

To see if the Town will establish and maintain such a school as is described in the Revised Statutes, chapter twenty-third, section fifth, to be kept for the benefit of all the Inhabitants of the Town: and if so to determine at what place or places in the town the same shall be kept; or do anything in reference to the subject.

Art. 11.

To see if the town will divide the territory within its limits, anew, in whole, or in part, into School Districts; or will appoint a Committee to take the subject of such division into consideration and report thereupon; or take any other action touching the subject matter.

Art. 12.

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their Common Schools the year ensuing, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the schools; and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper.

Art, 13

To see what disposition the town will make of the money they receive from the State School Fund or act any thing thereon.

Art 14.

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing. Art. 15. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells, for town purposes the year ensuing.

Art. 16.

[316] 1845. March 3. Art. 20

Art. 22.

Art. 26.

To see if the town will restrain Horses. Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within said town the year ensuing.

To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

Art. 18. To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing.

Art 19. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

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To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will provide a New Engine for Engine Company No 1. or act anything thereon they think proper.

To see if the Town will alter and enlarge the Town Hall and other rooms in their Town House, or act any thing in regard to altering said Hall and House they think proper.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will provide a Sleigh for the Hearse.

Art 24. To see if the Town will repair or enlarge the Hearse House, or act anything thereon.

Art 25. To see if the Town will take any measures to widen the road against the burying ground or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will pay James L. Haynes for damage sustained by him on the road on Mechanic Street, or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will refund to Samuel S. Art. 27. Crocker, the amount of Taxes paid by him for the year 1844, or act anything thereon.

To see if the town will choose a Committee to Art 28 keep all obstructions from the roads within the town. or act any thing thereon.

To see if the town will release the Trinitarian Art. 29. Society from paying for the use of the Town Hall.

To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at Art. 30. former meetings of the Town and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant

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by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting-Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

> Josiah Sheldon) Selectmen Timothy Vinton Alpheus Kimball Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the time, and place, as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg. Attest I. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 3d 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 3, 1845. 9. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the warrant and choosing by Ballot Col Ivers Phillips Moderator.

The meeting was further opened with prayer by Rev Luman Boyden.

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Moderator.

Check List used in the choise of Town Clerk and Selectmen as the Law directs

Oaths

All officers of whome an Oath is required and who were qualified by taking the Oath prescribed by Law to be taken by each officer Respectively in Open Town meeting, and who were chosen into office at this meeting, have the letter's prefixed to their names on the Record and all who have taken said Oaths since the day on which they were chosen have prefixed to the letter s. the date of day and Month on which they took said Oaths respectively before the Town Clerk.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 1. Town Clerk.

Chose, s. Jonas A. Marshall, Town Clerk who was sworn in open Town meeting by the moderator Ivers Phillips Esq.

Selectmen.

.For Selectmen Chose.

s. Levi Downe.

s. Abel Thurston.

s. Josiah Sheldon.

Adjournment

Here the meeting adjourned for one hour and met again after the expiration of one hour.

For Assessors chose.

s. Abel Thurston.

s. Cyrus Thurston.

s. Levi Downe.

Overseers of Poor Treasurer.

Voted not to choose overseers of Poor.

For Town Treasurer chose.

s. Ebenezer Torrey, Esq.

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For Constables. Chose

s. Alpheus Kimball.

s. Jeduthan M. Gibbs.

s. Samuel M. Dole.

s. Nathan Tolman.

10(March 10. s. Nathan Whiteomb.

s. Everett Sprague.

s. Ivers Phillips.

Constables

Article 2.

Voted to take up the Second Article. Under this Article votes were received, sorted, counted, and declared and were as follows for County Treasurer Whole number of Votes 170.

County Treasurer. Article 1.

Anthony Chase had 169. Isaac Davis 1.

For Fence Viewers chose

s. Joseph Pierce. s. Abel Thurston.

Fence Viewers.

s. William Damon. s. Alonzo P. Goodridge.

s. Albert Upton.

For Field Drivers chose.

Field Drivers.

lames Hartwell. Dexter Farwell.

s. William Woodbury. John Carr. Alonzo O. Carter. William Miles.

s. Samuel D. Phelps.

s. Asa Partridge. (March 8) (March. 8.) s. Loren Ware. (August 25.) s. Levi Fullum.

For Surveyors of Lumber chose

(April 16.

Surveyors Lumber.

s. Abijah Hartwell. s. James Whitney. March 24. s. Gustavus Lyman.

March 7. s. Henry Maynard. s. Edwin Upton.

s. Levi Pratt.

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Sealers of

Town Meeting March 3, 1845.

1845. March 3. Article 1. Voted that the Selectmen Appoint Measurers of Measurers of wood and Bark and Sealer of Weights and measurers.

Sealer of Weights &c For Sealers of Leather chose. Selectmen Appoint

John Sawver. s. Charles Sawtell.

Leather. Pound Keeper For Pound Keeper. chose.

Reubin Rice.

For Fire Wards chose, Fire Wards.

> Alpheus Kimball. (Assist. Eng.) I. A. Marshall. Josiah Sheldon. (Chief Eng. John Prichard. (Assist. Eng) Ebenezer Torrey. Robert L. Frair. John Coldwell Ivers Phillips Abel Simonds Horace Newton Alvah Crocker Amos Durant John H. Wheeler Timothy S. Wilson Charles Sawtell David F. McIntire all of the

above persons were notified thereof and signified their acceptance. At a meeting of the Fire wards at the Town Clerks office March 10. Josiah Sheldon was chosen Chief Engineer and Alpheus Kimball and John Prichard Assistant Engineers.

Article 7. Roads

Took up the seventh Article Voted to keep the Roads mentioned in this Article in repair as last vear.

Article 1. Highway Surveyors Article 3

Voted that the Selectmen nominate a list for Highway Surveyors at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to pass over the third Article for the present.

[321] 1845. March 3. Town Meeting March 3, 1845.

The Committee chosen to Settle with the Treas-Article 4. The Committee chosen to Committee on Treasury & urer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors for the past year here made their Report which was read and on vote was accepted. Town Debt Reported \$5,597.38. Last year Debt \$4,335.39. Debt increased \$1.261.99.

Com. to Settle with Treasurer

For Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the acpts of Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing chose

David Boutelle Abel Stevens Horace Newton Committee.

Passed over to adjournment.

Article 5. Article 6. Roads & Bridges \$2500. for.

Voted to Raise Twenty Five hundred Dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing and that it laid out as last year and the same price for labor be allowed as last year.

Article 8. Bridge Com.

For Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing Voted that the Selectmen be that Committee.

Article 9 School Committees Report The School Committee had not completed their report it was therefore Voted that when completed that they cause the same to be printed and five hundred copies be distributed to the Inhabitants.

Articles 10. 11. 12 & 13. Schools

Voted that the Subjects embraced in the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth & Thirteenth Articles in the warrant be referred to a Committee of one from each School District to report thereon at an adjournment of this meeting. Chose Charles Mason Esq

Robert L. Frair John Whitcomb Abram Osborn Levi Downe Ivers Phillips David D. McIntire Asa Ramond David Lowe John Andrews David Boutelle

Isaac B. Woodward Committee. Voted to Raise Four Thousand Dollars to defray

Article 14 \$4000. Town Charges. Article 15. \$20. Ring Bell.

necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for ringing

one of the Bells for town purposes the year ensuing. Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine be restrained from running at large.

Article 16 Horses &c Restrained. Art 17. Treasurer Voted that that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town.

[322] 1845. March 3 Town Meeting March 3d 1845.

March 3. Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to take charge Town House of the Town House the year ensuing.

Art 19. Poor Farm Voted the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Poor Farm for one or more years.

Art 20 Fire Engines Committee Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of and keep in repair the Engines, Engine Houses and all the other Fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

Chose Abijah Hartwell Alpheus Kimball John Coldwell Committee.

Article 21. Engine No 1. \$800. for Voted to appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars for a Good Suction Engine for Engine Company Number One whenever a Sum in addition shall be raised by Subscription or otherwise sufficient to procure said Engine.

Voted that Abel Thurston

Committee to Procure Charles Sawtell John T. Farwell Abijah Hartwell and

Benjamin Prentifs be a Committee to procure said Engine when the necessary sum shall be raised.

Article 22 Art 23 Hearse Voted, to pass over the twenty second Article.

Voted that the Selectmen procure a sleigh for the Hearse.

Art 24. Hearse House. Voted that the subject of this Article be refered to Selectmen to alter as they see fit.

Article 25

The subject of this Article by vote was refered to the Selectmen to report thereon at adjournment of this meeting

Article 26 James L. Haynes. Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with Mr Haynes on the subject of this Article and report at Adjournment School

Committee.

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1845. And Article 27 Voted to remit so much of Samuel S. Crocker's Tax of Tax o

Article 28 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to re-Roads. move all obstructions from the Roads.

Article 29. Voted to release the Trinitarian society from paying for use of Town Hall.

Article 30 The Selectmen made report of their doings for the past year read and accepted.

Adjourned Voted to adjourn for five weeks viz to April 7th
1845 at one o'clock P. M.

April 7. Town Hall Fitchburg April 7th 1845. 1. o'clock 1845. Adj of March-P. M. Meeting opened as above pursuant to adjournment by moderator.

Art. 1. Voted and chose Charles Mason Esq.

Dr Thomas R. Boutelle Asa Farwell Stephen Shepley J. M. Harris

J. M. Harris W. G. Wyman

Dr O. L. Huntley School Committee

For Highway Surveyors Chose

s. Arrington Gibson 2^d

s. Joel Page Jr

(April 16) s. George O. Stickney (April 12) s. Jonathan Whitman

(May 5.) s Thomas S. Eaton

s. Levi Pratt

(May 5.) s. Samuel W. Harris

(May 5.) s. Abel Marshall

s. Samuel Shattuck

s. Farwell Nichols

s. David D. McIntire

(April 31.) s. John Harris and

s. Cyrus Thurston.

s. Edward Smith

s. Alpheus Boutelle

(April 9) s. Arah Ellingwood

s. Abel Thurston

(April 17) s. Daniel Taylor

June 3. s. Jeremiah K. Gibson I. Foster Beal

s. Hosea Caswell

(May 5.) s William Bemis

s. Everett Sprague

(April 14) s. Nathaniel Cowdin

s. Isaiah Putuam

s. Daniel S. Eaton

(April 8.) s. Charles Russell.

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[324] 1845. April 7.

The collection of Taxes was taken by Stephen

Africe 3d, Article 3d, Article 3d, Collection of Shepley at Two Dollars fifty five cents for every hundred Dollars-Chose s. Stephen Shepley Collector.

The Town voted to accept of Hon Nathaniel Wood Levi Downe Esq and Charles Shepley as Surety Collector. for Collector.

Art 5. Report on Poor, and Committee

Report of Committee on Support of Poor was here read and accepted, the Report gives the whole cost of the Poor the year past at \$224.02.

under the fifth article chose a Committee for the

year ensuing viz Alpheus Boutelle Daniel Works

Abel F. Adams Committee

Schools. Report on by Com.

Articles. 10, 11, 12, & 13. Schools New Districts Sec.

The Committee chosen in March last on on the subjects embraced in the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Articles here made the following Report

"The Committee to whome were referred the 10. 11, 12 & 13. Articles in the warrant for the Annual Town meeting, on the 3d of March last, have. according to order, had the subject under consideration, and now submit the following Report The committee entertain the decided opinion that the interest of our public schools demand a thorough revision of

Report.

our system of districting. Several of the schools are too small. The disadvantages under which small schools labor are numerous and some of them very obvious. When a portion of territory is divided, say into ten districts, which might reasonably well be accommodated with six, and which contains none too many

[325] 1845. April 7. Report on School Districts &c Continued Adjournment of March Meeting April 7, 1845.

Scholars for six schools, one of two consequences must follow: either each district, under the existing arrangement, must have less money, or else a larger amount in all must be raised, the sum total remaining the same each district will have less: the amount for each district remaining the same the sum total will be increased, For instance, if the whole sum be \$600. each of the ten districts would have but \$60:, whereas with six districts only, each would receive \$100. or if you give to each district \$100. then you must raise \$1000. instead of \$600. and in the same proportion for any other sum.

Now take the matter in either way. Suppose first the sum taken to be fixed say at \$600,—in which case each of the districts can receive only the small amount \$60, instead of \$100, the result is a perplexingly small amount of school money. What shall the district do? Either have a short school or a poor teacher: and not unlikely in the anxiety to avoid each horn of the dilemma, the district may practically find itself pinned upon both. But suppose the school to obtain a good teacher, for a short term. Every body who has any knowledge of the matter knows, that it takes some time to get a school fairly in progress; so that in fact a school of two months is worth scarcely if at all more than half as much as the same school would be if continued three months. Here then is incurred the whole expenditure for getting ready to do what after all is to be left but half done, the half of the preparation money is

lost, absolutely thrown away. Suppose next that the district takes a poor teacher and has a school of reasonable length, then not merely is some portion of the expense of preparation sacrificed, but it may be that the whole amount of the money is as bad as wasted, nay actually worse. It is imposible to have a good school with a poor teacher. A good teacher is the very life and soul of the School; and lifelefs and running to desolation must and will the school be without such a teacher.

We have spoken of good and poor teachers as having some connection with the price paid, And the fact is so, though the price is not an infallible test of the quality. School teachers are not a commodity earrying an implied warranty that a sound price shall secure a sound article.

[326] 1845. Report on School Districts Continued.

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But when a Commodity is so rare as are really good teachers, and the demand is so great it is in vain to expect to get a sound article without a sound price. The district then with a small amount of money must either pay a high price with the probability of gitting a good teacher, or else pay an inferior price with all but the moral certainty, unless by some very accident, of getting a poor teacher. But more then all this, a district in the circumstances supposed, cannot ordinarily secure the services of a teacher of the first qualifications, even with the high price, such teachers do not desire such schools. They want Schools where a larger sphere of usefulness is open to them, and where they can be employed for a longer term of time, and they can and will get such Schools. It is little object to keep a small school for a short term, and a teacher of the kind in question will not do it, unless it be occasionally to piece out another School. Look now, at the matter in the other light. In the case Supposed, instead of having the sum total fixed and raising but \$600, in all.

thereby putting the districts on short allowance, assume that the amount for each district is fixed, say at \$100. You must then raise \$1000. for ten districts, instead of \$600, which would suffice for six. And this difference \$400, is so much money thrown away, unlefs you can show some countervailing advantage that is to result from having small schools. But we utterly deny that there is any such advantage. On the contrary we insist that a school of 15, or 20, or 25, even of all ages, labors under positive disadvantages, as compared with one having 40. Scholars.

[327] 1845. Report on School Dist Continued March Meeting Adjournment April 7, 1845

Where the number of scholars is small, and those of all ages, it is imposible to having anything like suitable classes. In a great measure the scholars must proceed "solitary and alone," there are fiew scholars who, under such circumstances, can prosecute their studies to the best effect. They want the sense of companionship to stimulate them, and keep them properly braced up to the work. A, class of scholars of nearly the same age, and pursuing the same studies, will animate one another, will beguile the wearisomeness of their common way, and by contact will quicken and sharpen and invigorate each others intellectual powers and energies. Now to apply these principles to the case of our own schools. we have nine districts, including No. 121/2 which on the first of May last contained an aggregate of 254. scholars between 4 and 16, years of age. This number distributed into five schools would give 51, for each. But the aggregate of attendance in those nine schools, taking our own scholars only, for the last year, was 194, which divided among five schools. would make 39. to each—a number by no means too large for one school. These nine districts, last year had \$7121/2 of school money. Three other districts had \$7181/2. The money of the nine districts furnished an aggregate of schooling amounting to about 4400 weeks, making, if you allow 44 weeks, exclusive of vacations, for a year, 100 years of shooling. The money of the three districts furnished 6800 weeks or 155 years of schooling,—making in amount of time, 55 years additional or more than half as much again schooling, for the same amount of money, substantially. We do not pretend to say there was precisely that proportion of gain in the one case over the other: But we submit it to the judgment of any candid man wether it be not abundantly plain that here was a clear unequivocal and desided advantage, in point of economy, in the expenditure of the money, in one of these classes of schools over the other. When the districts are small, besides the great expense of instruction for each individual scholar, a disproportionately large share of the

[328] 1845. Report on School Districts &c. Continued.

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money required for Schools must be expended upon the building, maintaining and warming of schoolhouses. The difference is not trifling in the expense of building and keeping in repair nine suitable School houses, though of a little smaller size, and five of a little larger size; and between maintaining nine fires or but five for warming them. In one word under such circumstances, the money, whether for instruction or the other uses of the schools, cannot be expended to the best advantage,—so as to tell to the best effect-so as to yeald the full amount of benefit which it is capable of yealding. What renders it especially important that some action should be taken on this subject of districts, now is the undeniable fact that a number of the school-houses must have something done with them, and that speedily. A decent regard to the health, the reasonable comfort and the progress of the children imparatively demands that more suitable school houses should be provided than exist at present in several of the districts. Some of those houses might be repaired; others are not worth repairing. Now there exists, we believe, pretty generally, a feeling that the present division of the town into school districts, is not a fit and proper one, and that it will probably, before long, be changed. In this unsettled and doubtful state of things, districts naturally feel reluctant to enter upon the building of new school houses, or the thorough repairing of old ones. Indeed, it is not desirable that they should do either any further than is actually necessary, until the matter has been definitely settled upon some basis. In regard to school houses the committee think it the more judicious course that the town should

[329] 1845. Report on School Districts &c. Continued. March Meeting Adjournment April 7. 1845.

as it is authorized by law to do, provide School Houses for the several School districts, at the common expense of the town. This course they believe will promote materially the interests of the schools. It will secure better school-houses throughout the town, and at a cheaper rate. When the districts provide their own houses, if they build, the whole expense must be borne by the inhabitants of the particular district. The temptation is therefore to put off building as long as possible—to make the old school house answer as long as it possibly will, and a good deal longer. And when they do come to build they are tempted to build a cheap house-which in the result is the very dearest and least economical kind of school house. And then the outlay comes all at once, and in districts containing but a small population, and those not wealthy, the expense of erecting a decent and suitable school house is a heavy burden-too heavy to be borne without actual and serious inconvenience to many. But if the town provide the school houses at the common expense, no one district will be content to help build good school houses for other districts, and remain with a poor & miserable one for itself. The result will be that all will demand and eventually will obtain what all ought to have suitable School houses. And then if the town, at the common expense builds a school house or two this year, and another or two next, and so on until all are supplied, the burden being equally divided out among all, would not be sensibly, at least not oppressively felt by the inhabitants of any particular district. And there is in fact an actual saving of expense. if the time and trouble and cost of afsessing and collecting separate school district taxes, to build or to repair School houses, as in this case the whole would go in with the general town taxes.

[330] 1845. Report on School Districts &c. Continued.

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Another consideration of great weight is, that if the houses were provided by the town, the building of them would be more likely to be placed under such supervision as would secure better constructed, more comfortable & more suitable houses. But the present School houses belong to the respective districts. They were built at the expense of the districts and are their property. They are of very unequal value. It would therefore not be just, nor is it to be expected that the districts should surrender their School Houses to the town without compensation, as might be done were their value equally proportioned to the several districts. The plan proposed by the Committee which is believed will obviate all difficulties of this kind, is this; that the town provide school houses at the common expense for the several public schools, and that it purchase of the existing districts, at a fair appraisal, their respective school houses and rights to the soil on which they stand, and that this appraised value of the property of each district be divided among the persons who would be liable to pay a school district tax. in such district, on the first day of May next, and in proportion to the valuation on which such tax would

be afsessed, and that the amount thus coming to each individual be credited to him towards paying his general town taxes. This course we think would operate justly towards all the districts and would be attended with little trouble or inconvenience. The inhabitants of each district having a school house which was built at their expense and is their property, would receive from the town the appraised value of such school house, whatever that might be. But there would be no need of any payment of money in the transaction.

[331] 1845. Report on School Districts &c. Continued. March Meeting Adjournment April 7, 1845.

The town as a town raises money to purchase the school houses of the districts and for its other purposes, and the amount which each individual is to receive from the town as his share in his own school house will be credited to him and go so far towards paying his tax for purchasing the school houses and for other town purposes. These two things, the discontinuance of the present districts & the present purchase and future provision of school houses, the committee think must go togather. They would never recommend to the town to undertake to furnish school-houses for the districts as they now are. It would be a waste of money in building the houses, to be followed by a continual waste in maintaining schools in them.

For the division of the town into school districts or proper portions for maintaining schools, we propose that a committee be chosen by the town consisting of a small number of impartial and disinterested individuals, competent judges of such matters, who should take an actual personal survey of the town for the purpose and make such geographical division of the territory as they shall deem fit, into districts; and define the limits of such districts; which division the town might afterwards establish & erect the several portions so divided off into regular school districts, if they should see fit.

In respect to the subject of a school to be kept for the benefit of the inhabitants of the whole town as indicated in the 10th article of the warrant, the committee by common consent forbear to propose any action at this time, or to express any opinion upon it. They regard the matter of the districts and School houses as one so absolutely fundamental, that they are unwilling to encumber it with any extraneous matters.

In regard to the amount of school money that should be raised, the committee think that a liberal advance should be made upon the sum heretofore raised, & such they believe to be the general opinion. They would propose a larger sum, but for the consideration that it will be necessary for the town to be at considerable expense in purchasing and providing school houses, should the course recommended by the committee be adopted. As the case stands they propose that the town raise the sum of \$2000. & that the money which shall be received from the state school fund the current year & the balance

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not divided which was received from that source last year be added to that sum & the whole apportioned among the schools. As to the principle or mode of apportionment the committee have not deemed it advisable to recommend any specific course at this time. The money will not be needed until the winter schools commence and as there will undoubtedly be town meetings held before a long time for other purposes connected with the schools & other business, they have thought it best to leave the matter wholly untouched until it shall be ascertained what division if any, of the town into districts shall be made & established. In conclusion the committee submit the following several propositions which they recommend to the town for its adoption namely:

Proposition 1.st That the present division of the town into school districts be discontinued, such discontinuence to take effect on the 15th day of May next, from and after which day the existing school districts of the town, including No. 121/2, shall be abolished; & that the town purchase of the several districts, at a fair & just appraisal, their respective school houses, & their right and interest in the land on which the same stand respectively, provided the said districts shall severally do and execute all needful acts and instruments for the transfer and conveyance to the town of their respective school houses and their interest in the land on which they stand on or before the said 15th day of May next, reserving to the several districts the school money which has been apportioned to them, to be expended under the present system by the several prudential committees now chosen for maintaining summer schools in the present school houses in those districts: & that henceforth the town provide at the common expense of the town, school houses for the

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several school districts that shall be formed within its limits.

Proposition 2. That a committee of three suitable persons be chosen by ballot who shall as soon as conveniently may be appraise and value the school houses of the several districts, and the right and interest of such districts in the land on which the same stand respectively, and shall report such appraised value to the afsessors of the town; and that such appraised value of the school house and land of each district shall be apportioned by the afsessors among the persons who shall be liable on the first day of May next to have a school district tax afsessed upon them, in such district, and in proportion to the valuation on which such tax would be assessed, and that the shares of such persons respectively be credited to them towards the payment of their town taxes and that of the

appraised value of the school house & land of No. 12½, the same proportional part be paid to the persons liable to a school district tax on the first of May next, in that part of the district which is in Lunenburg, which was paid by the said Lunenburg portion of the district towards building the house & procuring the building spot, provided always that the said several districts shall do and execute all needful acts and instruments for the transfer and conveyance of their respective school houses and lands to the town as aforesaid.

Proposition 3. That a committee of three individuals be chosen by ballot who shall make a personal examination and survey of the whole territory of the town and shall divide the town geographically into school districts, and determine the limits of such districts, and who shall before the first day of June next, make to the town, or file in the town clerk's office a report of their doings in the premises, such report to be subject to the future action of the town.

Proposition 4. That the town raise for the support of common Schools for the current year including only the wages & board of teachers and fuel for the schools, the sum of \$2000.

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Proposition 5. That the money that shall be received from the state school fund for the currant year, and the portion yet undivided received from the same source last year, be added to the money raised by tax, to be divided among the several schools.

All which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee

Charles Mason Chairman.

Fitchburg April 7. 1845.

The foregoing pages from the 324, contain the full Report of the Committee on the subjects embraced in the 10, 11, 12, & 13, Articles of the March Meeting warrant as copied by J. A. Marshall T. C.

Report on the 10, 11, 12 & 11, 12 & 13, Articles Districts &c. had been read to the town it was voted Read & Accepted. that the same be accepted and laid on the table.

It was here moved to adjourn this meeting until the first and second articles in the April Meeting Warrant should be acted upon, but a bar was found to exist in consequence of April meeting having been adjourned until the business of the March Meeting warrant had been finished consequently the meeting was not adjourned and the meeting Voted to take up the Report just laid on the table

Proposition 1 Read and Adopted See page 332.

The Proposition 1. in said Report as recorded on Page 332. of this book was read and on vote was accepted and adopted.

Proposition

Voted to accept and adopt the second proposition in the Report which is Recorded on Page 333, of this Book, under the 2^d proposition chose for committee to appraise the Several School houses &c

Committee to Appraise School houses, land &c. John Prichard. Alpheus Boutelle. Isaac B. Woodward.

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March Meeting Adjournment April 7. 1845.

Voted, to accept and Adopt the third proposition in the Report which is Recorded on Page 333. of this Book and for a committee for the purposes set forth in this proposition Chose

Committee to New district the Town. Cyrus Kilburn, of Lunenburg
Solon Carter, of Leominster
Ebenezer Frost, of Ashburnham

Com. to new
District the
Town &c.

Voted that the Selectmen notify the above committee of their having been chosen for the purposes set forth in the proposition above referred to and that they the Selectmen after such notice appoint time and place for said Committee to meet and that they attend upon said Committee when in the performance of the duties to which they have been chosen.

Proposition 4 \$2000, for Schooles Voted, to adopt the forth proposition in the Report as recorded on Page 333, of this Book that is to Raise two thousand dollars for the support of schools &c

Proposition

N. B.

Voted to accept and adopt the fifth proposition in Money from the Report as recorded on Page 334, of this Book at the top of said page.

The first three Propositions in the Report above acted on by the town were all passed as votes both under the March and April meeting Warrants and to save the recording of them under both Warrants in full I have recorded them with the rest of the Report and have refered to them as above and shall do the same under the April meeting warrant, believing that such record will clearly express the action of the town on this important subject

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 25

Voted to pass over the twenty fifth article.

Article 26 L. Haynes Damage.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to settle with Mr James L. Havnes in any way they may think just and for the interest of the town.

Adjourned.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in May next at 3 o'clock in the after noon.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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March Meeting Adjournment May 5th 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 5, 1845, at 3, oeloek May 5, 1845. P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened by the Moderator at the above place and time.

Article 1 Highway Surveyors Voted and chose s. Daniel Lowe.

June 2. s. Levi McIntire.

May 31. s. Franklin McIntire.

Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose

Same day's Kilburn Harwood, Constable. The Report of the Committee chosen April 7, 1845

School Districts Report on &c.

Article 11.

under the 3 Proposition which is Recorded Page 333 of this Book was here read to the town when it was voted that the Report be received and that the same be committed to a new Committee for revision and when revised by said Committee to report to the town.

Officers appointed by Selectmen

Measurers
Wood & Bark meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint
the following persons to be Surveyors of Wood &
Bark for the year ensuing for sd. town:

March 21. s Ebenezer Ball. April 16. s. Asher Green.

April 7. s. Alpheus P. Kimball. April 14. s. William Wilder.

April 14. s. William Wilder Addison Davis.

April 5. s. Joseph Pierce.

April 22. s. John L. Joslin.

April 17. s. Samuel M. Dole. Sanford Sawyer.

March 31, s. Robert L. Frair.

April 7. s. Abel Simonds.

March 24. s. John Kendall.

March 22. s. John L. Bailey.

March 22. s. Jonathan Tenney.

And June 2. s. Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of Weights and Measures for so town the year ensuing.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen
Abel Thurston of
Levi Downe Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 19.th 1845. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town meeting April 7. 1845.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the seventh day of April next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To see if the town will discontinue or alter the present division of its territory into School Dis-

Sealer of Weights & Measures.

[339] 1845. April 7. Warrant. tricts; and will choose a Committee, with power for the purpose, to divide the town anew into School Districts and determine the limits of such Districts, or make any alteration they may see fit in the existing Districts; or will take any measures for such new division or alterations.

2. To see if the town will assume the duty of providing School Houses for the several School Districts that are or may be formed within its limits; and will purchase of the several Districts their respective School houses and grounds, and if so, to determine in what manner the value of the same shall be ascertained; or will do anything in relation to the subject.

3. To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to widen the Bridge near the Factory of Ivers Phillips, and give such directions as they think proper for the repairing or rebuilding of said bridge.

4. To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out and widened by the Selectmen on the south side of the new burying ground on land of Samuel Burnap or act anything thereon they think proper.

5. To see if the town will accept of the road as petitioned for by Elliot Wood and others, and laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at the great road, near the store of Benjamin Snow, and the new building of Torrey and Wood, thence over a passway to the road leading by the house of John Prichard, or act any thing thereon.

6. To see if the town will allow Samuel Phelps damage for injury done to his horse on the highway, or act anything thereon.

[340] 1845. Warrant Continued. April 7. Warrant for Town Meeting April 7, 1845. Continued.

7. To see if the town will refund to the subscribers for the Crockerville Engine (it being No 4, in said town) the amount by them subscribed towards procuring said Engine.

Officers appointed by Selectmen

Measurers
of
Wood & Bark meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint
the following persons to be Surveyors of Wood &
Bark for the year ensuing for sd. town:

March 21. s Ebenezer Ball. April 16. s. Asher Green.

April 7. s. Alpheus P. Kimball.

April 14. s. William Wilder.
Addison Davis.

April 5. s. Joseph Pierce.

April 22. s. John L. Joslin.

April 17. s. Samuel M. Dole.

Sanford Sawyer.

March 31. s. Robert L. Frair.

April 7. s. Abel Simonds.

March 24. s. John Kendall.

March 22. s. John L. Bailey.

March 22. s. Jonathan Tenney.

Scaler of Weights & Measures. And June 2. s. Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of Weights and Measures for sd town the year ensuing.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 19.th 1845. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[339] 1845. April 7. Warrant. Warrant for Town meeting April 7. 1845.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the seventh day of April next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To see if the town will discontinue or alter the present division of its territory into School Districts; and will choose a Committee, with power for the purpose, to divide the town anew into School Districts and determine the limits of such Districts. or make any alteration they may see fit in the existing Districts; or will take any measures for such new division or alterations.

- 2. To see if the town will assume the duty of providing School Houses for the several School Districts that are or may be formed within its limits: and will purchase of the several Districts their respective School houses and grounds, and if so, to determine in what manner the value of the same shall be ascertained; or will do anything in relation to the subject.
- 3. To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to widen the Bridge near the Factory of Ivers Phillips, and give such directions as they think proper for the repairing or rebuilding of said bridge.
- 4. To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out and widened by the Selectmen on the south side of the new burying ground on land of Samuel Burnap or act anything thereon they think proper.
- 5. To see if the town will accept of the road as petitioned for by Elliot Wood and others, and laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at the great road. near the store of Benjamin Snow, and the new building of Torrey and Wood, thence over a passway to the road leading by the house of John Prichard, or act any thing thereon.
- 6. To see if the town will allow Samuel Phelps damage for injury done to his horse on the highway. or act anything thereon.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 7, 1845. Continued.

7. To see if the town will refund to the subscribers for the Crockerville Engine (it being No 4. in said town) the amount by them subscribed towards procuring said Engine.

[340] 1845. Warrant Continued. April 7.

8. To see if the town will authorize Engine Company No. 1. to dispose of their Old Engine, and appropriate the proceeds thereof, for the purchase of apparatus and hose for the new Engine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Josiah Sheldon Abel Thurston Levi Downe Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester, fs. Town of Fitchburg March thirty first 1845 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days before the time set for said meeting

J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 7. 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 7th 1845, at 3, o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator.

The business under the March Meeting Warrant not being finished it was Voted to adjourn this meeting until that should be done. this meeting was accordingly opened after all the articles in the March meeting Warrant had been disposed off.

[341] 1845. April 7. Town Meeting

Voted that the first and second Articles in the Articles 1. & warrant be taken up togather.

School Districts &c. Proposition

Voted to adopt the first Proposition in the Report made in the March meeting which is recorded on Page 332, of this book.

Proposition 2d.

Voted to adopt the second Proposition in the above mentioned Report which is Recorded on Page 333, of this Book, and for a committee to appraise the Several School houses and grounds as set forth in committee to said Proposition chose John Prichard.

Appraise School Houses, &c.

Alpheus Boutelle. Isaac B. Woodward.

Proposition 3d.

Voted to adopt the third Proposition in the Report above mentioned which is Recorded on Page 333 of this Book and for the Committee contemplated in

Committee to said Proposition chose New District

Cyrus Kilburn of Lunenburg Solon Carter of Leominster Ebenezer Frost of Ashburnham

N. B. The Three Propositions above refered to were passed as votes and were also passed in the March Meeting this day held by adjournment a Note of explanation is recorded under the proceedings of March meeting on Page 335, of this book and marked "N. B." in the margin which see.

Conveyances of School houses Land &e Article 3. Phillips Bridge

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to see to the conveyances of the Several Schoolhouses &c.

Voted that the Bridge Committee build a Stone Arch Bridge near the Factory of Ivers Phillips as set forth in the third Article in the Warrant.

[342] 1845. April 7 Article 4th. Town Meeting April 7. 1845.

The Selectmen here made the following Report of a widening of the Road against the new burial Ground,

Road by Burial Ground

Road Report.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows. Beginning at a small maple tree on the Southerly side of the road leading by the new Burying ground opposite the new path leading from the road to said Burving ground and running N 79° E twenty three rods eighteen links to a small Poplar tree marked, thence N. 77 E, four rods to a small oak tree marked, thence N 58 E three rods, seven links to a stake and stones, thence N. 54 E four rods to a stake on said road, all the above lines being on land of Samuel Burnap said location to be on the Northerly side of said line and including all the land lying between the line and the above Road, said location to be a widening of the old Road. And we agreed with the owner of the land over which said way passes, for his damages, as follows, viz. to the said Samuel Burnap fifteen dollars to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before the said Road is opened, and to make and keep in repair 14 rods of fence against the old burying ground, said fence to be posts with 2 rails. And we allowed the owner of said land thirty days for the removal of the wood and timber standing and growing thereon, Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of March

in the year 1845

Josiah Sheldon) Selectmen Abel Thurston of Fitchburg Levi Downe

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Voted that the Selectmen see to the making of said Road.

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The following Report on the petition of Elliot Wood and others for a Road was here read to the the petition of town and on vote was accepted.

Report of Road.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a

Accepted Selectmen to Make

[343]1845. April 7. Article 5. Road

& others.

town way as follows: Beginning at the great Road at the Northwest corner of the new brick block of Torrey & Wood and thence N. 68, E. 27, rods to a stone set up at the Northeast corner of land of Elliot Wood, thence N. 671/2 East 6. Rods 22. links to a stake near the Northwest corner of land owned by Leland & Holt, thence N. 12.1/4 W. 10, rods 15 links to a stone set up at the west corner of land owned by Abel Stevens thence North 273/4 E. 4, rods and three links to a stone set up at the Notherly corner of land of sd Stevens where it intersects the road leading by the house of John Prichard. Said Road to be twenty feet wide on the three first mentioned lines. and one rod and twenty three links wide on the line last mentioned—and to lie on the northerly and westerly side of said course. And we have allowed no damage as none was claimed. Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 6.

The Subject of the sixth Article was by vote refered to the Selectmen.

Article 7.

Voted to pass over the seventh Article.

Voted that Engine Company No. 1. be authorized to sell and apply the proceeds as mentioned in this Article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[344] 1845. Warant August 11. 1845. Warrant for Town Meeting August 11, 1845.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the eleventh day of August inst at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st.

To choose a Moderator.

To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by there Selectmen as petitioned for by Timothy F. Downe and others, beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending near the paper mill of Jessee Lyon or act any thing thereon they may deem proper.

Art, 3rd.

To see if the Town will accept of an alteration of the road near house of Charles Farwell as laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Alpheus Boutelle and others, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 4th

To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to build a new Stone Bridge on the road leading by Messrs Coldwell & Sprague's Tanery or act any thing thereon.

Art. 5.

To see if the Town will build a new Powder House and act any thing in regard to the same they may think proper.

Art. 6th

To see if the town will authorize their Assessors to take a Census of the inhabitants of the town when taking Statistics as ordered by the last Legislature or act any thing thereon.

Art. 7th

To see if the Town will build an Engine House for the use of Engine No. 1. and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

[345] 1845. Art. 8 Warrant for Town Meeting August 11. 1845.

To see if the Town will erect a new fence to any part of their Burying-ground or act any relative to fencing the same they may think proper.

Art 9th.

To hear the report of the Committee chosen to New District the town and to act upon any matter said Committee think proper to suggest. Art. 10th.

To see if the Town will build any new Schoolhouses or repair any of their old School houses for the use of said town or of the several Districts as they may be divided or act any thing relative to the subject matter they may deem proper.

Art. 11th.

To see if the Town will assume the defence of a Suit at Law commenced on or about the 12th day of July 1845 by N. F. Cunningham & others against Everett Sprague one of the towns Surveyors of Highways for an alleged injury to their land in repairing the road near the Stone Mill in Fitchburg & will indemnify and discharge the said Sprague from and against all Damage, loss & liability, arising out of said suit, or of the subject matter to which it relates: and will appoint an agent or agents with authority to manage and defend the said Suit on behalf of the town, or to settle and adjust the same & the subject matter in controversy out of which it arose, in such manner or on such terms as they shall see fit, or as the town shall direct, or will take any other action in reference to the subject.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg.

[346] 1845. Warrant, August 11. Warrant for Town Meeting August 11. 1845.

Worcester SS — August 2d 1845

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public

meeting-houses in said town eight days before the time of holding this meeting

Nathan Whitcomb Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 11. 1845

Article 1st.

Moderator

Town Meeting August 11, 1845. Town Hall Fitchburg August 11, 1845, at 1,

o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading said Warrant and choosing under the first Article Abel Thurston Moderator after the meeting was opened and organized it was Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour The meeting was again opened

pursuant to adjournment.

Art. 2.
Road Report
T. F. Downe Timothy F. Downe mentioned in this article and that petition rejected the Article be passed over.

Article 3.

Voted to accept the Report of a Road or ateration as set forth in the third Article as petitioned for by Alpheus Boutelle and others, and that the Selectmen let out and superintend the making of said Road. The following is the Report. above accepted.

Road by Charles Farwell's Accepted We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows—Beginning at a Maple tree on the easterly side of the road leading by the house of Charles Farwell and about thirty rods northerly of said Farwell's house thence N. 23°. E. seventeen rods and seven links on land of Dexter Farwell thence N. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ° west nine rods and eighteen links to a

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beach tree on land of said Farwell untill it intersects again with the road aforesaid, said road to include all the land between said course and the old road on the westerly side of sd. course, and we have appraised the damage to the said Dexter Farwell to be ten dollars to be paid him by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened. Which said road is here-

by reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this forth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

> Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted that the Subject of the forth Article in the warrant be refered to the Selectmen with authority to build or not as they see fit.

Passed over the fifth Article

Voted that the Assessors be authorized to take census of the inhabitants of the town &c.

No of Inhabitants returned by Assessors August 1845 3883. (See Page 355.)

Article 7. Voted that the Selectmen build a house for Engine Busines No 1. No 1.

Voted that the Selectmen fence such parts of the burial ground as they think proper or necessary.

Pafsed over by vote

Voted that the School Committee be authorized to make such temporary repairs upon the several School houses as shall be necessary & to keep the houses in order the coming winter at the expense of the town.

Voted to indemnify Mr Sprague from all cost on account of the suit mentioned in the eleventh Article, and that the whole matters embraced in this Article be referred to the discretion of the Selectmen to manage as they see fit.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk

[18] Roll of Militia.

The following pages contain a list of persons liable to be enrolled as Soldiers in the town of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1845.

Abel Thurston Assessors
Cyrus Thurston of
Levi Downe Fitchburg

Article 4. Bridge by Stone Factory

Article 5.

Census 6.

Article 9. Article 10

Article 8.

Burial

Ground

Article 11.

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Sewall F. Adams Charles Ashworth -Nath¹ S. Boutell David Battles Sam! Battles Charles Battles Sam! Burnap Calvin Battles J. F. Beal Flavel Barns Joseph Bemis John Boutell Joseph Willard Levi Bishop John Bates Job S. Bigelow Samuel Barns 2nd Ephm Bowen George S. Blake Henry Farwell Abijah W. Carter Andrew P. Conant George A. Corsen Franklin Constantine Joel P. Chapin W≞ S. Downe Albert B. Damon Addison W. Damon William Damon Thomas S. Eaton Sam¹ H. Evans Arah Ellenwood Dexter Farwell Levi Fullum Levi Farnsworth Charles Farwell Johnathan Farnsworth jr Edward Page Haskell Farwell H. H. Farnsworth. W. T. Farnsworth Elias Gates John Goodridge Jr Henry Grimes Charles Hall Willard Harris John Hancock Humphrey Howland

Leonard Howland Eleazer Jewett Franklin Kimball William Kilgore Asa Lowe. Henry Maynard Adam Miller Hiram P. Nutting Franklin A. Osborn Silas Pratt Alonzo Phelps Moses Perkins ir W<u>™</u> Palmer Nath¹ Perry Isaac Ripley Sam¹ Roberts Jefsee Spaulding John Start Chs. Sawtell 2ⁿ Rufus P. Smith Jonas Stone James S. Vandeford Thomas Varney James Whitney W™ Woodbury jr Sabin Woodbury Jonathan Whitman Rinaldo Weeks Almond Wheeler James Weldon . Selin Worcester Wm Whitcomb Ira Younglove Joseph Pierce Zephania Hammond Aaron Eaton Jr Charles H. Raymond Silas Winchester Reubin Gibson Augustus C. Houghton Chs S. Rice J. Sumner Kinsman John H. Pillsbury Francis A. Whitney John Parkhurst Israel Wetherbee Jr

Olover H. Eaton Stephen W. Dole Sam¹ M. Dole Abram S. Dole Sam^I Stratton Benj<u>m</u> F. Wheeler

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Roll of Militia.

Chs S. Farrer Francis Chaffin Edwin Harrington Levi Sherwin Franklin Phillips Edmund W. Cutler Hiram W. Pitts Henry Warren Thomas L. Sawyer Hiram Wood James M. Comee Josiah Spaulding Moses Marshall Philander G. Barrett Horace S. Bowman Fitch Downe Loren Wares Sam¹ J. Sheldon Francis E. Williams John Holman Abel Derby William Sandin Chs Arnold Sam¹ M. Caswell Addison Davis William Sampson Horace Sargent O. L. Pond Joseph C. Barns George N. Mann Gustavus Lyman Charles Davis David C. Brick Alfred H. Brick John P. Jaquith Chs Barker Francis Sheldon Prichard Dexter Ebeneazer A. Bartlett Amos Durant Jr W^m F. Durant W[™] Green Holdin

James Pierce John P. Sheldon S. G. Godard Ward B. Farrer W^m H. H. Hinds Charles Saunders Charles H. Birch Elbridge H. Amsden Asa Patridge Oren Patridge Clis Barrett John Carr Salathel W. Farmer Shepard Atherton Joseph Leavett Leonard Hartwell Noah E. Powens Daniel R. Streeter Lemuel W. Gibson Henry Phillips Lovell Williams Munroe Blanchard David E. Wares John Williams 2ⁿ Sam! Harwood Geo L. Adams Naham Wetherbee Leonard Stark Sam! Saunders Stephen Hicks Sam! H. Brown Elijah D. Gleason John Scism Henry Scism John H. Frair Sam¹ Scism Russell Waters Reubin Smith Silas Waters Leonard Smith David Richardson Chs Thurston Abel L. Thurston

Aldin P. Churchill George A. Kendall Harrington Sibley Chandler Crocker Joel W. Eager John Q. A. Mellen Sam¹ Whitney Harry Downer Moses G. Lyon Augustus Dyke Albert T. Pierce Ira Gleason George Frost Luther T. Frost N. B. Ager Andrew W. Smith Alfred Wetherbee John L. Baily Lyman Baker Chs Kinsman Rufus P. Smith Josiah S. Stearns James W. Chapman Chs Russell Alfred D. Kinsman Joseph Smith George O. Stickney Austin Mosman Saml Farwell Eli Raymond Hosea Caswell W^m B. Phelps Jabez Flint Andrew L. Dean

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Chs P. Dean Wm Davis Daniel S. Eaton Daniel Thayer Harvey Mack Almen C. Hilton John Smith Thomas Sheldon David M. Parker Justin Stearns Edwin D. Works Luther G. Whitcomb John L. Ray Owen Hart Abel F. Adams Alonzo Andrews Daniel Andrews Artemas Andrews Lysander Andrews Edward Atkinson Leander Andrews Benjª Arnold Hosea B. Aldrich Owen Boynton Chs D. Bond Jacob Brown Josiah W. Boutell Silas P. Billings Reubin Billings

Stillman Burnap Elisha Brown George H. Bofs Isaac T. Babbit Alvah A. Beckwith E. F. Baily Murray Bartlett Nathan L. Battles Sam¹ Bennett Loren Brown Charles T. Billings Aaron F. Beman Noah Ball George Briggs Joseph Baldwin 2nd Ransalier Bacon Levi H. Blanchard Cyril Bowker James Barnes S. O. Brown John D. Buckford Wm Blifs Daniel Blood Henry W. Brackett Benj^m F. Baker George P. Bard Sam! Carter Charles Carter Alvah Crocker

Elijah S. Carter Stephen Caswell Nathan Caswell Sherman G. Conant Franklin Colburn Henry Conant Sam¹ M. Carter Horace C. Crehore Austin S. Crehore Artemas R. Smith W^m Coughlin John Clark Stilman Coney Martin Coughlin Erastus Cramm. Sam1 H. Corser Stephen B. Cramm Richard K. Clark Frederic Cutler John A. Carpenter Hiram Davis Hiram Davis 2nd W^m L. Davis George De Wolf Francis Day Daniel A. Davis William Dickerson E. A. Dickerson Oscar Davis Daniel Emory

Amos Eaton Alvah Emory Ivers Emerson Henry G. Farnsworth Levi Farwell W^m B. Flagg Barney Fuller Edward W. Fay Job Forster S. Gilman Frost Philander H. Fletcher Ward N. Flagg Arrington Gibson 2nd Arrington Gibson 3rd Jacob Gibson Joseph Gibson Barker Gibson Jeremiah K. Gibson Alonzo P. Goodridge Jefferson A. Goodridge Silas H. Goodnow Alfred Gav Nath¹ Gilmore Ira Green J. R. Gaut John Gillett Lyman J. Gibson Austin B. Gates Ezekiel Gates Ebeneazer C. Hayden

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George W. Hager Jacob Haskell W^m E. Haskins John M. Harris Sam¹ Hall 2nd Albert H. Haskell D. H. Hale P. P. Howard Saml M. Humes Joel E. Hunt Caleb Harding Georg Hudson Samuel M. Hayden Charles Howard Stephen Holman Edwin Holmes

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Ira Holt George P. Hawks Silas Hosmer Amos S. Hyde Henry B. Homer Luther G. Howard Levi Harris Joel Hartwell Abram Jaquith Charles Johnson Martin Johnson Wm Jaseph Luther Jennis Charles V. Jacobs Leander Comee George Kimball

Loren Kendall Lorenzo Kinsman Jeremiah Kinsman Jr. W^m L. Kinsman Frederick A. Kendall David Lowe Freeborn Lawrence Uriah Lawrence Benj D. Leverett Aaron K. Litch Edwin Lamb James B. Lane Henry J. Lowe Franklin Lion Lemuel Long John Lowe James W. Leverett George Litchfield Rufus Litchfield Quincy Linch W^m M. Leathe Chs Long W≞ J. Merriam Levi McIntier Jed Mayo W^m Miles Daniel Moulton Horace P. Mefsenger Stephen McIntire Abel Marshall Lyman McIntire Reubin McIntire Chs Mason Francis McIntire T. J. Myers Caleb H. Metcalf Horace Metcalf Russel A. Miller Henry Monroe E. G. Mears Michael McDonald Wm Malay John É. Murdock W≞ D. Newton

Saml E. Ney David Ordway William Orcuit Francis Phillips James P. Putman C. N. Pratt Levi H. Phelps Aldin Phelps Porter Piper Sullivan G Proctor Enoch Page Thadeus Petteplace Lawrin Pratt Thomas Palmer Benjm F Proctor W^m B. Pritchard Alfred Parker W^m M. Park Merril C. Pevery Israel H. Parker W^m Parmenter W^m W. Pritchard Horace R. Rice Zacheus Richardson Reubin Rugs Augustus Rice George Reed I. G. Richards John Robbins Prentice Richardson Alden Ripley Benj^m Safford Avory Stockwell Loriston Stockwell Joseph T. Scott Abel Stephens Flint Sheldon Roby Safford David A. Smith Clark Simonds John A. Stiles Orville Stiles James F Stiles Allen Smith

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Ezra B. Stevens Henry Sackett Augustus Safford Chs R. Shattuck

John Sharp Daniel Simons Fation Sampson John H. Smith Warren Stone Hartson Sheldon Andrew J. Twitchel John M. Twitchel . Thomas Oakman Cahill Tolman Daniel Taylor A. B. Tilton Sam¹ W. Tileston Hartwell C. Twitchell Henry Town Darius Tucker Joseph Trobridge James Tarpy R. H. Torrey Albert C. Upton Lysander Upham Frederic C. Vanderford Nathan Whiteomb Timothy S. Wilson W^m G. Wyman Winchester Wyman James Whittemore Alfred M. Wheerler John Weld Ísaac D. Wiswold David E. Ware David C. Whitcomb Sam¹ Walton Loren Ware Allen Wyman James Wilkins Aaron Wheeler George A. White Albert N. Winehester E. Russell Williams

S. L. Worcester Wm Whitney Josiah B. Willard James B. Wheeler John A. Wood W<u>m</u> S. Whitwell Albert A. Whitney Samuel Ware W^m Wright Waldo Wallace Merril Wilder Alfred Whitmore Tyler Younglove W^m F. Young Cyrus Munson L. W. Emerson W^m W. Comee Francis W. Whitney Chs B. Barrett Henry Hutchinson George F. Hudson Clis Stone Benjm Spaulding Oren Griswold Henry Safford Chs P. Adams Chs H. Pierce Daniel W. Bofs Theodore Lock Manlius Trussell Elnathan C. Gibson Alfred Marshall Adoniram J. T. J. Renington W^m L. Wilder Alfred W. Mann Marquis L. Holden Chs H. White Carnine H. Kemp Saml A. Corser

Whole number enrolled 541. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for town meeting November 10, 1845.

[353]1845. Warrant for Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town Meeting Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greet-Novm 10.

ing. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing. Also at the same time and place to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January And you are directed to sirve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and

forty five

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Worcester fs Fitchburg Octobr 25th 1845 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the time for for said meeting

J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg

Town Meeting. Town Hall Fitchburg November 10. 1845 10. November 10 o'clock A. M. Town meeting opened pursuant to the above warrant Selectmen presiding and Check list used

as the law directs. the following votes were given, Sorted, counted and declared, returns thereof made out, signed, Sealed and directed in open town meeting as the Law directs and were as follows. For Governor Whole number of Votes 510.

Governor

George N. Briggs had 220. Isaac Davis " 161. Samuel E. Sewall " 107. Henry Shaw " 22.

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November 10 Lt. Governor. For Lieutenant Governor Whole number of Votes 512.

John Reed had 220. George Savary " 161. John M. Brewster " 107. Charles W. Moore " 22.

Senators

For Senators. Whole number of Votes 512.

John G. Thurston had 218. Joseph Stone 204. Stephen Salisbury 218.Calvin Willard 202.Jason Goulding 197. Walter A. Bryant. 163.Adam Harrington 178. Francis Howe . . 164. Ivers Phillips 179. 177. Orison Underwood Thomas W. Ward 107. Rodolphus B. Hubbard 107. 107. Joseph Griggs Gilman Jones 107. Charles Adams Jr. 107.William Sigourney 22. 22. Seth Alden . . William Harrington 22. Thomas Davis 22. 22. Royal B. Hancock Charles W. Wilder 4.6 2. Francis Perkins 1.

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Representative Whole number of Votes 360.

Nathaniel Wood had 143.

First Ballot Alpheus Boutelle 133.

> John Coldwell 82.

Walter Heywood 66 1

Edwin Upton 6.6 1. no choise

here the meeting adjourned for one hour

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For Representative—Whole number of Votes 415.

Choise 208.

Second Ballot Nathaniel Wood had 166.

Alpheus Boutelle 148.

John Coldwell 101. no choise Voted to adjourn this meeting to tomorrow at Adjourned

9. o'clock in the fore noon for the choise of a Representative

Novm. 11. Adjourned Meeting.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 11, 1845, at 9, o'elock A. M. pursuant to adjourment from vesterday the meeting was opened as above by the Selectmen. Votes were then received for a Representative which were as follows Whole number of votes 433, necessary to a choise 217. Nathaniel Wood had 215.

Alpheus Boutelle 117. John Coldwell Artemas Farwell

Levi Downe 1. no choise.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 2. o'clock P. M. this day, meeting opened pursuant to adjournment. Votes were again received for a Representative and were as follows-Whole number 420, for choise 211,

Nathaniel Wood had 195.

John T. Farwell 134.

John Coldwell 80. Francis Perkins

Alpheus Boutelle 5.

Artemas Farwell 2.

Levi Downe " 1.

Levi Pratt 1. no choise.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Census of Fitchburg 1845

A Census of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg taken by the Assessors agreable to a vote of the Town passed August 14, 1845.

No of Males under 20. years of	of Age	766.
No of " over " "		1220.
Whole No of Males		1986
No of Females and 20. years	of Age	787
No of " over 20. "		1110
		1897
-	Total	3883

Fitchburg August 1845.

Abel Thurston Cyrus Thurston Assessors of Fitchburg Levi Downe

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[356] 1845. November 24. Warrant. Warrant for Town Meeting November 24, 1845.

Worcester is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the twenty fourth day of November Inst it being the fourth Monday of said month at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to choose a Representative to represent them in the general Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this eleventh day of November in the year

one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Abel Thurston | Selectmen Josiah Sheldon Levi Downe Fitchburg Worcester fs: Town of Fitchburg November 14th 1845 Pursuant to the within within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town eight days before the time set for said meeting

Jedathan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novm 24. 1845

Town Hall Fitchburg November 24, 1845 at 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened by the Selectmen—check list used —Votes were reed, sorted, counted and declared for a Representative as follows. Whole number of votes 523.

No Represen	:-	Nathaniel Wood	had	250.	
ative Chosen 1845	John T. Farwell	6.6	158.		
		John Coldwell	6.6	108.	
		Alpheus Boutelle	4.6	2.	
		Levi Downe	6.6	1.	
		Nathaniel S. Boutelle	4.6	1.	
		Charles Mason	6.6	2.	
		Edwin Upton	6.6	1.	no choise
	Voted	to dissolve the meeting	ŗ.		

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Worcefter is: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator

Article 2nd

To see if the town will accept of the following Roads as laid out by their Selectmen viz: one petitioned for by Frances Cheever and others commencing at her house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby near John Sawyer,s shop. One petitioned for by A. P. Kimball and others commencing near the house of William Bemis and terminating near the new Sythe Shop of Kimball & Chandler. One petitioned for by William E. Ellick and others commencing near James M Creters house and terminating at the road leading by the Fitchburg Cotton Mill near the house of Samuel M. Dole One petitioned for by Samuel Burnap and others commencing at the road leading by said Burnap,s house and terminating at the road leading by John Caldwells house near a new house owned by said Burnap. One petitioned for by John Caldwell and others commencing at the road leading leading over the bridge by the Stone Mill and near said Mill and terminating at the maine road leading through the village near the red boarding House owned by said Stone Mill Company and occupied by Mr Metcalf. And one petitioned for by Alpheus Kimball commencing near his house and terminating at the County road leading from Fitchburg to Ashbernham nearly opposite said Kimball, s Scythe Shop and act any thing in regard to said roads they think proper—

Article 3d,

To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old road leading from Alpheus Kimballs house to the County road as is not covered by the location of the one last mentioned in the preceding article act anything thereon

Article 4th

To see if the town will authorise their Bridge Committee to contract with some person to build a new stone bridge across the river in South Fitchburg where the old arch Bridge now stands or act anything thereon they think proper—

Article 5th

To see if the town will raise the road near the old arch Bridge in South Fitchburg or act anything thereon.

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To see if the town will choose a Committee to name the several streets in the centre village or act anything thereon. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty five

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Worcester fs: Town of Fitchburg October 31st 1845.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days before the time set for said meeting

Jeduthan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Hall Fitchburg November 10, 1845 at 2, O'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the same and choosing Nathaniel Wood Moderator under the first Article in the Warrant. after the meeting was organized it was adjourned for one hour.

Article 1.

The Selectmen then made the following Reports of Roads laid out by them. First Report on petition of Frances Chever Read and on vote was accepted. Voted that the Selectmen see to the making of said Road to their acceptance—for Report see next page.

Report of a Road on petition of Frances Chever and others [359] 1845, Roads, Frances Chever. Town Meeting November 10 1845.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows. Begining at a stake nine feet south of the Southwest corner of the house of Frances Cheever thence through said Cheevers land North 64° West one rod & 19, links then continuing same course through land of John Sawyer 8 rods and 21. Links, thence continuing same course by land of Benjamin Wheeler seven and a half feet thence continuing same course by land of Charles Livermore and John Sawyer about nineteen feet to the road called Mechanic Street said road to lie on the Southerly side of said course and for the first ten rods to be twenty feet wide thence the Southerly line to be carried on a circle so that the road at Mechanic Street shall be three rods wide the greatest width of the circle from the two extremities to be four and a half feet And we have agreed with the owners of the land through which said way passes or appraised their damages which is as follows. Frances Cheever & John Sawyer releases all damages for laying said way through their land and we have agreed with Ionas A. Marshall for the sum of \$5.00 & Charles Livermore for the sum of \$46 00 and have apprised to Benjamin Wheeler the sum of \$16 to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before the road is opened.

Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this 25th day of October in the year 1845

Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen Abel Thurston | of Levi Downe | Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Alpheus P. Kimball Road. Second Report was on the petition of Alpheus P. Kimball and others which was read and accepted—the Selectmen to see the same built to their acceptance.

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, Beginning at a stake & stone on the easterly side of the town road leading by the house of William Bemis and about six rods south of said Bemis house thence south 48¾ E. sixty seven rods by land of Wm Bemis and A. P. Kimball & co to a stake & stones to be two rods wide and to lie on the Southerly side of said course. And we have agreed with the owners of land over which said road is laid who releases all damages for laying said way through their land. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day October in the year 1845

Abel Thurston Selectmen of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[360] 1845. Roads.

Town Meeting November 10, 1845.

The Report of Selectmen on the petition of William C. Ellick for a Road was next read to the Town and on vote was accepted on condition that the same be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen without expense to the Town. The following is the Report.

William C. Ellick Road, Now Chestnut Street We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows Beginning at a stone post on the northerly side of the road leading by the Fitchburg Cotton Mill and near the house of Saml M. Dole thence by or through the land of said Dole North 27½° East thirty eight rods to a point one foot easterly from the South west corner of James M. Cutters house to be twenty one feet wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course. And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages who severally release all damages for

land used for said town way. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public high way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of October 1845

Abel Thurston Selectmen of
Levi Downe | Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Samuel Burnaps Road,

Report of Selectmen on the petition of Samuel Burnap for a Road was next read and on vote was accepted—the following is the Report—

Cross St.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake & Stones on the westerly side of the town road leading by the house of Saml Burnap at the corner of land owned by N. F. Acworth thence North 53% West twenty eight rods on the southerly side of land owned by Saml Burnap which is now used as a traveled way to the road leading by John Caldwell, said location to lie on the Northerly side of said course and to be thirty feet wide And we have agreed with the said Samuel Burnap who releases all damages for laying said way through his land which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted & recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of October in

the year 1845.

Abel Thurston.) Selectmen of Levi Downe. | Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[361] 1845. Novm 10, Road by the Stone Factory Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

Report of the Selectmen of a Road by Stone Factory in the "Old city" so called—petitioned for by John Coldwell and others was read and on vote was accepted—the Report follows.

now called Mill Street We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of

Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows. Beginning at the Southerly side of the great road on main Street leading through the village in said Fitchburg in the part of the village called the "Old City" at a stone set in the ground near the boarding house belonging to N. F. Cunningham & others & now occupied by Caleb H. Metcalf thence south 33° East sixty five feet to a stone set in the ground at a point eight feet distant from the southeasterly corner of said boarding house and in a line with the Southerly end of the same house, thence south 17° East two hundred & eighty nine feet to a stone set in the ground at the northerly side of the road which passes over the bridge below the "Stone mill" factory building and at a point thirty six feet & four inches easterly from the southeasterly corner of said building. The said way is to pass over land which has heretofore been used as a travelled road by said town and in which land Nathl F Cunningham Otis Abercrombie & Chedr Marshall claim a right title & intrest said way is to lie on the easterly side of the course above stated and to include all the ground between said corner & the southerly side of the aforesaid great road on the first line & the first twenty feet of the secon line above mentioned & thence to be twenty feet wide to the termination of the same. And we have agreed with those who claim to have a right, tithe & intrest in the land over which said way passes for their damages as follows to said Cunningham Abercrombie and Marshall the sum of Fifty Dollars to be paid by said towne when said way is reported and accepted. Which said way is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this first day of November in

the year 1845

Abel Thurston | Selectmen of Levi Downe | Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Capt Alpheus Alpheus Kimball of a Road laid by them was hear Road. read to the town and accepted

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows: Beginning at Rock Maple tree on the west side of the Road and thirty eight feet from the house of Capt Alphens Kimball in a range of the east end of the same, thence south 92 West twenty one rods to a stake and Stones

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November 10. in a range with the North side of said Kimballs house near the County Road, thence South 5" west Road contin. six rods and Six links to the County Road, said location to lie on the easterly side of said course, and passes partly over land of said Kimball and partly over the present town way, the first six and half rods to be one and a half rods wide the next fourteen rods to be two rods wide—thence to widen in a direct line so that at the termination of the same at the County Road it is to be three rods and nine links wide. And we have agreed with the said Alpheus Kimball, who released all damage for laying said way through his land. Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known

> Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of October in the year 1845.

> > Abel Thurston) Selectmen of Levi Downe (Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

as a public town way.

Voted to discontinue so much of the old Road refered to in the third Article as is not covered by the Road accepted above.

Alphens Kimballs

Article 3. Road Discon tinued

Article 4. Bridge at South Fitchburg

Voted that the Bridge Committee be authorized to contract for the erection of a Stone Bridge over the river at South Fitchburg at the place mentioned in the fourth Article in the warrant for this meeting.

Article 5.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to raise Road by Arch Bridge, the road by Arch Bridge.

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November 10. Article 6. Committee to Name Streets.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to name the streets in the centre village in this Town-(Fitchburg, Chose Francis Perkins

John L. Joslin Abial J. Towne Nathaniel Wood

Alvah Crocker Said Committee.

Road by Stone Factory.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to consult with the stone Mill Company and ascertain on what terms a wider road can be obtained by the Stone mill where they have laid out and the town have accepted at this meeting of a Road petitioned for by John Coldwell and others and Recorded in this Book Page 361.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to morrow at 10. o'clock A. M.

November 11, 1845 at 10, o'clock A. M. Meeting opened pursuant to adjournment.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J A. Marshall Town Clerk

Novm 24. 1845.

Warrant for Town meeting November 24, 1845.

Warrant.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the twenty fourth day of Novr. inst. at eleven O'clock, in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st.

To choose a Moderator.

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To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen, beginning on Main Street near the boarding-house owned by N. F. Cunningham and others and ending at the Road leading by John Coldwell's near the Stone Mill.

3rd.

4th.

To see if the town will establish a Public High School and take measures to procure real estate, or suitable accommodations therefor or act any thing respecting the same they may deem proper.

To see if the town will cause embankments to be made

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see last page on either side of the Mill Pond of A. P. Kimball & co. for the purpose of keeping the water from flowing over and injuring the Road which now passes over said Pond.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Abel Thurston) Selectmen of Levi Downe | Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. Town of Fitchburg Nov 17th 1845. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time set for said meeting

Jeduthan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meet ing Novm. 24. 1845. Pursuant to the above Warrant the Town meeting was opened at the Town Hall November 24. 1845. at 11, o'clock A M.

Voted and chose Abel Thurston Moderator Article 1.

at 12, o'clock the meeting was adjourned for one hour meeting again opened at 1. o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road under this Art. 2. Article was read and on vote was rejected.

Past over by vote. Art. 3.

Art. 4. Past over by vote. Voted to dissolve the meeting Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town meeting March 2, 1846

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts - you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Article 1 ensuing

To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.

To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Art. 3. Collector of Taxes or act any thing respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper,

> To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past: and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the vear ensuing.

> To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their work house and poor establishment the year past—and choose a Commit tee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.

> To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their Highways, Town-Ways and Bridges, the year ensuing-determine the manner of laving out said money—fix the price of labor &c. on said roads.

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Art. 2.

Art. 4.

Art. 5.

Art. 6.

Art. 7. To see what method the Town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminster lines, in repair the year ensuing.

Art. 8.

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Art. 9.

Art. 10.

Art. 11.

Art. 12.

Art, 13.

Art. 14.

Art. 15.

Art. 16.

Art. 17.

To choose a committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing. (over)

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To hear the Report of the Committee chosen to present a new plan for dividing the Town into School Districts, and act any thing in regard to said Report—or any other proposition for dividing the town into School Districts they may think proper.

To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of Teachers and fuel for the schools; and aet any thing in regard to the expending and division of the sum, they may think proper.

To see if the Town will build any new School Houses, repair old ones, or to take such measures in regard to their School-Houses as they may think proper.

To see if the Town will take some efficient measures to prevent scholars from injuring School-Houses, or act any thing thereon.

To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing.

To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

To see if the town will restrain Horses neat Cattle and swine from running at large within said Town the year ensuing.

To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

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To Choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Art. 19.

To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Art. 20 ta Er

To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the Town.

Art. 21,

To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or act anything upon the subject they think proper.

Art 22

To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at the Road leading by the house of Warren Parkhurst, a fiew rods easterly of said Parkhurst's house, and terminating at the Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, near the house of Abel Simonds, as petitioned for by William S. Downe and others and act anything in regard to said Road they think proper.

Art. 23

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen, commencing near the house of Edward Smith and terminating near the house of John Daisy as petitioned for by said Daisy, or act anything thereon.

Art 24

To see if the Town will accept of a piece of Road as laid out by the Selectmen, near the house of Joseph Baldwin.

Art. 25

To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of certain persons, which remain uncollected, on the Tax Bill of 1841, or act anything in regard to said Taxes they think proper.

Art. 26.

To see if the Town will provide a Hearse for Winter use, and act anything thereon they think proper. Art. 27.

To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the Town and act thereon as they think proper.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of

Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg.

Fitchburg Feb. 14th 1846. Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, & place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg, Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Hall Fitchburg March 2⁴ 1846, 9, o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which being read by the Clerk the meeting was organized by choosing

Moderator Prayer, Check List, Col. Ivers Phillips Esq. Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Calvin Lincoln.

Check list used in choosing Selectmen and Town Clerk as the Law directs all voted for at the same time.

Oaths.

The Officers of the Town chosen under the foregoing Warrant also those appointed by the Selectmen Assessors

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during the year which have been or may be returned to me of whome an Oath is by Law required and who were qualified in Open Town meeting on the day of election will have the letter's prefixed to their names respectively and if qualified at any other time in addition to the letter's will be prefixed the date on which said Officers took the Oath of office respectively

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 1 Chose, s. Jonas A. Marshall, Town Clerk, who was sworn by the Moderator in Open Town Meeting.

Chose. s. Josiah Sheldon. s. Abel Thurston. S. Levi Downe.

Chose.

s. Abel Thurston.
s. Levi Downe. Assessors.

s. Levi Downe. s. Ivers Phillips.

Dinner. At twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned for one hour for dinner—at 1 o'clock the meeting was again opened.

Voted, not to choose Overseers of poor,

Treasurer Chose, s. Ebenezer Torrey, Esq Treasurer.
Constables Chose, s. Kilburn Harwood,

s. Ivers Phillips.
March 10. s. Jeduthan M. Gibbs.

s. Charles Sawtell. s. Samuel M. Dole.

s. John Coldwell,
7. s. Cahil Tolman,
s. Edwin Upton,
s. Stephen Shepley.

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Constables.

1846. March 2. Chose. s. Thomas Eaton.
Fence s. Joel Page Jr.

March

March 11. s. William Woodbury Jr.

s. Levi Kendall. s. Samuel Hawes. Fence Viewers.

Chose. s. John Harris.

Daniel Virgil.

March 10. s. Porter S. Putnam. Winchester Wyman.

Warren Worcester.

June 1 s Lyman McIntire. James L. Haynes.

Benjamin Snow. Leander Comee.

David Boutelle, Field Drivers, and at the adjournment of this Meeting April 6, chose in addition to the above list

April 15. s. Jonas Stone.

Surveyors Chose. May 16. s. Abijah Hartwell.

Lumber.

Sealers

Leather Pound Keeper s. Edwin Upton. Gustavus Lyman.

s. Loring Kendall.

s. Abel Simonds.

James Whitney. Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose. John Sawyer.

s. Charles Sawtell. Sealers of Leather Chose, March 9, s. Reubin Rice, Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards Chose, Alpheus Kimball.

J. A. Marshall.

Josiah Sheldon. Assist. Eng. John Prichard. Chief Eng.

Ebenezer Torrey. Robert L. Frair.

John Coldwell. Assist Eng.

Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.

Horace Newton.

Alvah Crocker.

Amos Durant.

John H. Wheeler.

Timothy S. Wilson.

Charles Sawtell.

David F. McIntire.

Alpheus P. Kimball. Fire Wards

All the above persons signified their acceptance as the Law directs—and at a meeting of the Firewards at the office of the Town Clerk March 10. 1846 John Prichard was chosen Chief Engineer. Josiah Sheldon and John Coldwell Assistant Engineers.

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Tythingmen

Voted, not to choose Tythingmen.

Wood Meas. Voted that the Selectmen appoint measurers of Wood and Bark.

Article 2. County Treasurer Votes for County Treasurer were Reed. sorted counted and declared as follows whole number of votes 195. all for Anthony Chase.

Article 9, School Districts Reports on The Committee chosen to present a new plan for dividing the Town into School Districts mentioned in the ninth article of the warrant, here made their Reports which had been printed and distributed some time prior to this meeting, the first was the Report of the Majority of said Committee viz: Charles Mason Esq. John Whitcomb and Dr Thomas R. Boutelle which was read by its title and on vote was accepted and laid on the Table.

The Minority Report by William Woodbury and Levi Kendall was read by its title and on vote was accepted and laid on the Table. after the above Reports were disposed of as above recorded it was Voted to adopt the territorial limits for School Districts as they existed in 1844, except the half District.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to assign the territory which was formerly the half District to other Districts and fix the limits of the Old Districts.

Chose for the above Committee

Levi Downe Esq. Abel Marshall. William Carleton.

Article 12. School Houses Repairs Voted to choose a Committee to repair School Houses for the Several Districts as now constituted at their discretion. Voted the Selectmen be that Committee.

Article 1. School Com. Chose

Ivers Phillips. Stephen Shepley.

Asa Farwell. School Committee.

Voted the Selectmen nominate and report at adjournment a list for Highway Surveyors.

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Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Taxes the year ensuing.

Article 4. Treasurey &c Report on Debt. \$6,321.01.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the Accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the past year made their Report which was read and Accepted. The Report shows a balance against the Town \$6,321.01.

Committee Treasurey

Chose for Committee to settle with Treasurer and inspect the acpts of Selelectmen and Assessors the year ensuing David Boutelle.

William Carleton. Abel Simonds.

Article 5.

Voted, to pass the fifth Article over to the adjournment

Article 6 \$2500. for Highways Bridges.

Voted, to Raise for the Support of Highways and Town ways and Bridges the year ensuing the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to be expended as last vear.

Article 7.

Voted, to pass over the seventh Article in the Warrant

Article 8. Bridges.

Voted, the Selectmen take care of the bridges the year ensuing.

Article 11. For Shoots \$2000.

Voted, to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing Two Thousand Dollars.

Voted, the farther consideration of this article be passed over to the adjournment.

Article 13 School Hons-Damage.

Voted. That the School Committee see the Law carried into effect against any who shall injure or damage any of the School Houses belonging to the Town.

Article 14. Town Charge \$5,000.

Voted for necessary Town Charges to Raise Five Thousand Dollars.

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March 2 Article 15 Bell &c.

Voted, to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five \$25.00. Ring Dollars for ringing Bell for Town purposes and taking eare of the Town Clock the year ensuing.

Article 16 Horses &c Restrained Voted, that Horses, Neat cattle and Swine be restrained from going at large within this town the year ensuing.

Article 17. Treasurer Voted the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 18 Town House, Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to take charge of Town House the year ensuing.

Article 19 Overseers of Poor. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Article 20 Engines Committee on charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years. Voted to choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town

Chose for said Committee Abijah Hartwell.

John Coldwell.

Abraham S. Dole, and Thomas F. Handy.

Article 21. Sale of Spirits. The Subject of the Twenty First article by vote was refered to a Committee of three who are to report on the subject at the adjournment chose

David Boutelle.
Jacob Haskell.
Benjamin Snow.

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the above Committee.

Article 22

Voted the 22 Article be passed over to adjournment.

Article 23

Road. on the petition of John Daisy the Selectmen made a Report of a Road laid out by them which was read and accepted & adopted and that the Selectmen cause the same to be built to their acceptance.

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1846. Road from John Daisy's to Edward Smiths

In accordance with the above petition and order thereon we the Subscriber Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town, a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake and

stones at the easterly side of a passway leading by the house of John Daisy and in a line with the southerly side of said House—Thence south 28° west thirty four rods on land of said Daisey to a stake and pile of Stones on the wall. Thence south 51? west two rods and sixteen link on said Daisy's land to a stake in the wall by a large heap of stones at the corner of Edward Smith's field—Thence south 51° west eighteen rods ten links to the south west angle of a large Rock -Thence south 32º 30 west eight rods to a stake and stones—Thence south 9º30' West twenty eight rods ten links to a stake and stones by the wall near the orchard-Thence south 14º West thirty rods and twenty three links to a stake in the wall on the Easterly side of the Road formerly laid for the use of Edward Smith-The four lines last mentioned are all over land of Edward Smith. The road to be two rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course-And we agreed with the said Edward Smith for his damage to be \$150.00 to be paid by said town when said road is opened-The said John Daisey agrees to relinquish all damage for said road passing over his land and to make 60, rods of the Northerly end thereof to the acceptance of the Town-Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this eighteenth

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day of February in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk-

Article 24. Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Joseph Baldwin and Abel Thurston was here read to the town and on vote was accepted and adopted—the Report follows

Road by Joseph Baldwins School Street.

Road Report.

In accordance with the above petition and order thereon we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town, a town way as follows. Beginning at the Northerly termani of the road leading by the house of Abel Thurston at a stake and stones at the North west corner of said Thurstons land-Thence North 26° 30'. East 105, feet on land of Enoch Coldwell to a stake and stones-said road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course and is over land Deeded by the above named Joseph Baldwin to the said Enoch Coldwell to be kept open and ocnpied as a public pass-way—no damage is claimed on the above—which Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty first day of February in the year 1846.

> Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Voted to pass over the twenty fifth Article to the Adjournment.

Art 26.

Voted that the Selectmen procure a suitable Hearse for winter use.

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Article 27.

Names of the Streets in at a former meeting, here made the following Report.

Fitchburg.

The committee chosen by the Town at a meeting held on the 10^{th} November 1845, to name the several streets in the centre village in the Town of Fitchburg, make the following Report. That from the first Parish meeting house including both sides of the common down to the new Public House (called the American House) be called *Main Street*.

From the first Parish meeting house on the Ashby

road by the House of Ebenezer Whittemore be called *Mechanic St.*

From the first Parish meeting house by Enoch Caldwell's and by the house of John Carr, be called *Prospect St.*

From the first Parish meeting house by the Red mill and by the House of Jonas Marshall to Josiah Sheldon's, be called West St.

From Steven Dole's blacksmith's shop over the stone bridge to the second stone bridge on the Ashburnham road, be called *River St.*

From West St. near the district school House and by the same and by Abel Thurston's to land of Enoch Caldwell, be called *School St*.

From West St. near the house of Samuel M. Dole, and by the same and by James M. Cutter's, be called *Chesnut St.*

From Main St. near the second Parish meeting house over the Sheldon bridge (so called) by the house formerly occupied by the late Oliver Fullum, be called *Rollstone St.*

From the Town House by the Bake House so round out to Rollstone St. near the House of the late John Dole be called Bakers St.

From Main St. near D. Moulton's Tayern by the Academy and by Nathan A. Tufts House be called *Academy St.*

From Academy St. near the Academy up by the House of Sanford Sawyer be called *High St*.

From Academy St. near the house of Hiram Davis by the House of Moses Marshall, be called *Pleasant St*.

From Academy Street near Nathan Whitcomb's by the House of John Prichard out to Main Street near C. Marshall's be called *Prichard St.*

From Main Street near Benjⁿ Snow's store by the House of Elliot Wood and out to Prichard Street near the House of N. Whitcomb, be called *Central St.*

From Main Street near Emory's hatters shop by the House of Porter Piper and round by the House of Horace Newton to Main St. be called, *Cottage Square*.

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From Main Street near the house of B. D. Leverett to Newtons Factory, be called *Newton's Lane*

From the American House by the House of Samuel Hawes to the House of Abel F. Adams, be called *Blossom St*.

From the American House, on the Lunenburg road, by David Boutelles House and by the House of Alonzo P. Goodridge, be called *Summer St*

From the American House, by the Rail Road Depot & by Samuel Evans House on the Leominster road, be called *Water St.*

From the American House, over the bridge by John Caldwells & by the burying ground be called Laurel St.

From the bridge near the House of Mifs Abigail French by the House of Samuel Burnap & by Samuel W. Harris' to be called *South St.*

The short street leading from Laurel St. to South St. be called *Cross St*.

all which is respectfully submitted
Francis Perkins
per order of the Committee
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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The foregoing Report having been read it was voted that the same be accepted and adopted

Voted that the Report be printed and that Boards bearing thereon the name of each Street respectively be put up at the corners thereof.

Voted that the Committee who named the Streets carry the above votes into effect.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next. at one o'clock P. M.

Adjournment April 6. 1846.

Adjournment of March meeting April 6, 1846

One o'clock P. M. at the Town Hall meeting opened by the Moderator.

Article 1. Highway Surveyors. For Highway Surveyors

Chose s. Abel Thurston.

- s. Alonzo Andrews.
- s. Edward Smith.
- s. Alpheus Boutelle.
- s. Hosea Caswell. Alonzo P. Goodridge.
- s. David Boutelle. Nat Cowdin 2d
- s. John M. Harris.
- s. Isaac B. Woodard.
- s. Abram Osborn
- s. Norman Stone. April 13.
 - s. Franklin McIntire.
 - s. Asa Sawyer.
 - s. John Andrews.
- April 16. s. Almer C. Hilton.
- April 11. s. Ionathan Whitman.
 - s. William S. Downe.
 - s. Levi Pratt.
 - s. Samuel Hale.
 - s. Joseph Smith.
 - s. David D. McIntire.
 - s. John Harris.
- April 9. s. Abram Jaquith.
 - s. Nathan Caswell.
 - s. Joseph Upton Ir.
- s. Clark Simonds.

April 9. s. Loring Kendall. s. Joel Page Ir. chosen April 20.

s. Enoch Coldwell.

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Article 3 Taxes \$2.75 on the \$100.

Collection of the lowest bidder on the following condition viz: The Collector shall guaranty the payment of all Taxes legally assessed and committed to him for collection which being set up by the Moderator was taken by Benjamin Snow at two dollars seventy five cents on the hundred Dollars

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out to

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Article 1. Collector Bondsmen Voted and chose Benjamin Snow Collector.

Voted to accept Daniel Works and Stephen Shepley as bondsmen for the Collector

N. B. at an adjournment of this meeting April 20. Benjamin Snow was excused from serving as Collector and Justin Stearns was chosen in his stead who is to collect the Taxes as let to Mr Snow.

Article 1st.

Committee

Voted to add two to the School Committee already chosen Nathaniel Wood Esq was chosen and declined after which the above vote was reconsidered. Stephen Shepley chosen on the School Committee in March last declined serving on said committee and Milton Whitney Esq was chosen in place of Mr Shepley.

Article 5.

School

The committee chosen in 1845, to ascertain the expenses of the poor for the year past here made their report whereby it appears that the whole amout expended for the support of the Poor of the town for the year ending April 1st 1846 was One hundred and Seventy nine dollars and Seventy three cents \$179.73. Said Report was read and Accepted

Expense of \$179.73.

Committee on Poor &c

Poor

chos for a Committee for the same purpose for the ensuing year Abel F. Adams

Daniel Works
William Bemis.

Article 1.

The town again took up the first Article in the Warrant and chose (Apr 15) s. Jonas Stone Field Driver

Article 9 School Districts. Adopted April 6. 1846. School Districts—Report on their limits.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of bounding the several School Districts as voted by the town on the 2d of March last respectfully report as follows. The District which was formerly No 1. and now designed as the same, is bounded, beginning at the—

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southerly end of a Mill-Dam across the Nashua River owned by Josiah Sheldon, thence up said river to the southerly end of Levi Pratt's Mill-Dam, thence Northerly to a point in the centre of the road leading by Chs. H. Raymond's and ten rods west from the junetion of the same with the road leading by the Hovey place (so called) thence Northerly, to a point in the centre of the road twenty rods west from the house of Joseph T Scott, thence southerly to a point in the road twenty rods south from the house of Ebr. Whittemore, thence southeasterly two hundred rods in a direct line to a point in the road ten rods south from the house of Clark Simonds, thence southwesterly to the southwest corner of Land of Dr. Thos. R. Boutelle bordering on Main St. thence southwesterly to the junction of the roads leading by Levi Pratt's and Wid. Elisabeth Fullum thence Northwesterly to the first bound.

No 2. (or the territory formerly No 12) is bounded Beginning at the junction of roads leading by Levi Pratt's and Wid. Elisabeth Fullum's thence Northeasterly on the two Southeasterly lines of No 1, thence Southeasterly to a point in the road ten rods south of the house of Clark Simonds, thence easterly to a point in the road ten rods North from the house of Emmons Stockwell, thence Easterly to a point in Lunenburg line in the centre of the road leading by Avory Stockwell's, thence southerly on said line three hundred rods, thence westerly to an angle in the road twenty rods south of the house of Sam¹. W. Harris, thence westerly to the first bound.

No 3. (comprising South Fitchburg) is bounded, Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 2. and running Easterly on the two last lines of said No. 2. to Lunemburg line thence southerly on said line to the southeast corner of Fitchburg, thence westerly on Leominster line to an angle in

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No 4. (formerly No 3.) is bounded, Beginning at an angle in Leominster line at the southwest corner of No. 3. and running westerly on said line four hundred and fifty rods, thence Northerly to a point in the road fifty rods west of the house of Alpheus Boutell, thence Northerly to the southwest corner of District No. 2. thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 5. (Turnpike District) is bounded, Beginning at the south west corner of No. 4. thence westerly on the town line to the South-west corner of the town, thence Northerly on Westminster line to a point in the road leading by Nat Cowdin's, thence easterly to the junction of the rivers below S. S. Crocker's Mill, thence Easterly to a point in the west line of No. 4. thirty rods North of the house of Albert B. Damon, thence southerly on the West line of No. 4. to the first bound.

No. 6. (formerly No. 5) is bounded. Beginning at the junction of the rivers below S. S. Crocker's Mill thence down the river to the first bound of No. 1, at the south end of Josiah Sheldon's Dam, thence bounded by No. 1. to the junction of the roads leading by Levi Pratt's & Widow Elisabeth Fullum's, thence bounded on No. 4, to the Northeast corner of No. 5.. thence bounded on No. 5, to the first bound. No. 7. (the Crockerville District) is bounded, Beginning at the Southerly end of Levi Pratt's Mill Dam thence Northerly bounded by No. 1. to an angle in the same in the road near the Hovey place (so called) thence Westerly two hundred and twenty-five rods in a direct line to a point in the centre of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham, on Westminster line, thence Southerly to the junction of Nashua river and Rockville brook, thence down the river to the first bound.

No. 8. (the territory including the Rockville Manufacturing village) is bounded, Beginning at the junction of the Nashua river & Rockville brook, thence up said river to the junction of the river below S. S.

Crocker's Mill, thence westerly on No. 5 to Westminster line, thence Northerly on said line to a

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point in the County road leading to Ashburnham, thence easterly to the Northwest corner of No. 7. thence southerly on No 7 to the first bound.

No. 9. (formerly No 8) is bounded, Beginning at the North-east corner of No. 7, thence Westerly on No's 7 & 8 to Westminster line, thence on said line to the Northwest corner of the town, thence Easterly on Ashby line to an angle in the same, thence Southerly to a point one hundred rods due West from the house of Daniel Kinsman, thence southerly to the junction of the roads about forty rods west of the house of Eleazer Davis, thence Easterly to the Northerly corner of No. 1. near Jos. T. Scott's thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 10 (the Page District) is bounded Beginning at the Northerly corner of No. 1, thence westerly & northerly by No. 9 to Ashby line, thence Easterly on said line four hundred rods, thence southerly to a point ten rods East of the house of Benja Tolman, thence to a point ten rods East of the house of Stillman Burnap, thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 11 (formerly No. 10) is bounded Beginning on Lunenburg line at the Northeast corner of No 2, thence westerly & northerly by Districts No. 2—1 & 10 to Ashby line thence easterly on said line three hundred and twenty rods, thence Southerly to a point in the centre of the road fifty rods south of the house of Jeremiah Kinsman, thence Easterly to a point in the road ten rods south of the house of Wid. Prudence Gibson, thence to a point ten rods north of the house of Levi Kendall, thence Easterly to an angle in Lunenburg line four hundred and eighty rods from the northeast corner of the town, thence southerly on said line to the first bound.

No. 12. (Pearl Hill) is bounded Beginning at the

Northeast corner of the town, thence Southerly on Lunenburg line to a corner of No. 11, thence westerly and Northerly

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by District No. 11 to Ashby line, thence Easterly on said Ashby line to the first bound.

All which is respectfully Submitted.

Fitchburg April 6th 1846

Levi Downe
Wm. Carleton
Abel Marshall

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

After the above Report had been read it was voted that the same be accepted and adopted. So ended our great effort to new District the town.

Article 10 School Committee's Report.

The School Committee here made their Report to the town which was read and afterwards printed by private contribution and is on file in Town Clerks office.

Art. 11. School Money Division of Voted that the money raised for the support of Schools be divided Ninty Dollars on each District and the remainder be apportioned among the large Districts by the Selectmen and School Committee

Article 21. Intoxicating Liquors Sale of

The committee chosen in March last on the Subject of the 21. Article viz the Sale of intoxicating liquors in town hear made their Report which was read and accepted and ordered to be printed in the Fitchburg Sentinel and the Worcester Cataract—after the above mentioned Report had been read and accepted the following Resolutions recommended by the above committee and making a part of their Report were adopted by the town

Resolved that the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute personally or by an agent all known violations of the licence Law in this place at the expense of the town excepting such parts thereof as are paid by the

State.

Resolved that a Committee of fifteen be chosen to

act in cooperation with the Selectmen in carving the above Resolution into effect.

chose for committee under the above Resolution Benjamin Snow, J. F. Farwell, Alpheus Boutelle, Alpheus Kimball, Abel F. Adams, Samuel A. Wheeler, John Coldwell, I. B. Woodard, Levi Pratt, Alonzo P. Goodridge, Clark Carpenter, Robert L. Frair, Edwin Upton, Daniel Works, Abel Simonds,

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Referred to

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The Report of Selectmen of a Road petitioned for Warren Parkhurst to by William S. Downe and others was here read to the Abel Simonds town and on vote the Report was referred to a coma committee mittee of five to Report the best rout (there being several Routs petitioned for near the same place to be acted on under another warrant for town meeting this day) at an adjournment of this meeting.

Chose for said Committee Horace Newton.

Joseph Upton Jr. Joseph Upton. William Woodbury. Abel Stevens.

Article 25 Abatement of Taxes for 1841.

To See if the town will abate the taxes of certain persons on the tax bill of 1841. &e as set forth in the twenty fifth article of the warrant was on vote referred to the Selectmen.

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn for two weeks (April 20) at 1. o'clock P. M.

April 20 1846

Town Hall Fitchburg April 20, 1846, 1, o'clock P. M. Meeting opened by the moderator persuant to adjournment as above. The Moderator here stated that he was interested so much in some of the businefs of the meeting that he wished to be excused from serving as moderator whereupon he was excused and Abel Thurston was chosen Moderator in his place

Article 1. Highway Surveyors

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For Highway Surveyors in addition to those already chosen chose s Joel Page Jr.

Enoch Coldwell.

Milton Whitney and Asa Farwell declined serving on School Committee and were excused.

Voted to choose four in addition to the One now on School Committee

Chose Peter S. Snow (who afterwards declined)

School. Committee

Nathaniel Wood Levi Downe. Stephen Holman.

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Benjamin Snow who had been chosen Collector asked to be excused from serving stating that Justin Stearns would collect the Taxes at the same pr. cent at which he had bid them off whereupon Mr Snow was excused and March 2 1847. s. Justin Stearns was chosen Collector in his stead.

Article 12 School-house

Collector

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build new School-Houses in such School Districts as they think necessary.

Selectmen to build. Article 22.

The committee to whom the 22. Article in the warrant was referred here made their Report which was read and recommitted with directions to strike out the las clause which was the words following "and would suggest the propriety of a delay until such time" after said Report had been amended as above it was on vote was accepted—the following is the Report as accepted—We the Subscribers having been chosen by the town to examine the routs for a Road from near the house of Warren Parkhurst, across the River near the Scythe shop of Alpheus Kimball: Also another terminating near the house of Abel Simonds, having examined the above routs are unanimous in the opinion that the latter is the most preferable, all things considered; provided however the town can be assured, there will be a Depot established at that place; April 20, 1846.

Horace Newton. Wm. Woodbury. Abel Stevens. Joseph Upton. Joseph Upton Ir. Committee.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Road from Warren Parkhurst's to Abel Simonds'. Sec.

This Road afterwards discontinued June 1st. 1846.

The Report of Selectmen on the the petition of Wm S. Downe for a Road from near Warren Parkhurst's to the house of Abil Simonds was here read to the towne and on vote was rejected.

Voted that all votes passed since the acceptance of the Report of the examining Committee (as Recorded above) be reconsidered. Voted to accept the Road from Warren Parkhurst's to near the house of Abel Simonds as Reported by the Selectmen on condition that the Road & Bridge be built to the acceptance of Selectmen for the sum of \$1700. The Selectmen having the right to procure it made cheeper if they can

See Page 398, of this Book.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will dispose of Engine No 2. to-gether with House and Land belonging with the same, and furnish a new Engine, Apparatus and House, to be located near the American House, and act anything thereon as may be deemed proper.

3d To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, as petitioned for by Alpheus Kimball and Levi Pratt, and act anything in regard

to the same they think proper.

4th To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, as petitioned for by Orin Tracy and others, and act anything thereon.

5th To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to construct a wooden bridge across the Nashua river at South Fitchburg, in room of a stone arch bridge, as voted by the town last year, and to raise the road on the north side of said bridge, or act anything thereon they may think proper

6th To see if the town will accept of a widening of the road north of the arch bridge, in South Fitch-

burg, or act anything thereon.

7th To see if the town will authorize the Highway Surveyor to cut down the road in front of the School-house formerly No 12, so as to have the water pass

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off in the sluices that are or may be constructed, or act anything thereon

8th To see what method the town will take to choose Prudential Committees in their School Districts in future, and act anything thereon they think proper.

9th To see if the town will annex Ivers Phillips, with his taxable property, to the School District in Crockerville, formerly No. 13, or act anything thereon.

10th To see if the town will annex Levi Pratt to the School District in the Centre Village, formerly No. 1, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen
Abel Thurston of
Levi Downe Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Apr 6th 1846

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Steven Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

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[388] 1846. April 6. Town Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg April 6. 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the warrant and acting on the first Article by choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator, after the meeting was organized it was on vote adjourned to give place to some unfinished businefs in the March meeting warrant—the meeting was subsequently opened by the moderator and the eighth Article of the warrant taken up—

Article 8. Voted that the Prudential Committees be chosen Prudential School Com. by the several School Districts respectively

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two weeks (April 20) at 2. o'clock P. M.

Adjourned Meeting April 20. April 20. 1846 at 2. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened by the moderator at the above date, at the Town Hall when on vote it was adjourned until after the business of March meeting shall be finished—when the meeting was again opened pursuant to adjment as above the second Article of the warrant was on vote passed over.

Article 2

Article third passed over.

Art. 3.
Art. 4.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Oren Tracy and others was here read to the town and on vote was accepted on condition that it be built free from any expense to the town and to the acceptance of the Selectmen within six months from this time.

Grove St.

The following is the Report. "In accordance with the above petition and order—We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a Town way as follows—Beginning at a stone post

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on the southerly side of Prichard Street near the house of William E. Haskins at the Northwesterly corner of said Haskins lot—thence south 342 west 23. rods 10. feet to a stake and stones at the bank of the brook on land of Benjamin Snow. said road is to lie on the westerly side of said course to be 30. feet wide and is over a public pass way for which no damage is claimed, which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way—and is to be called Grove Street.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen of Abel Thurston Fitchburg.

Fitchburg March 30.th 1846.

Attest J. Marshall Town Clerk.

The subject matter of the fifth Article in the war-

Bridge South Fitchburg

rant is left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

The following Report was here read to the Town

and on Vote was accepted.

Report.

Road by Arch Bridge

In accordance with the above notice, We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town a Town Way as follows. Beginning at the northerly endbutman of the wooden Arch Bridge on the Old County Road leading from Leominster to Fitchburg by the house of William Bemis and Alonzo P. Goodridge and at the westerly end of said abutman-Thence North 18° 30'. East 40 Rods to a stake and stone at the westerly side of the County Road above mentioned-said Road is to lie on the Easterly side of said course and is to cover all land lying between said course and the Old County Road above mentioned-And we have agreed with William Bemis the owner of said land for his damage to \$15.62-Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 30.th day of March in the year 1846. Josiah Sheldon Selectmen of Abel Thurston Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Road by
No 12
left to the discretion of the Selectmen and the HighSchool House way Surveyor of that district.

Art. 9. Voted to pass over the ninth Article

Art. 10. Voted that Levi Pratt be annexed to the School L. Pratt annexed to Dis-Districts in the Centre Village formerly No. 1.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Measurers of Wood & Bark Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint the following persons to be measurers of Wood and Bark in said town for the year ensuing.

Oath See Page 369. of This Book. April 21. s. Ebenezer Ball.

Asher Green.

April 14 -- s. William Wilder.

April 13 -- s. Joseph Pierce.

Eri Carleton.

April 11. s. Stephen W. Dole.

Robert L. Frair.

April 16. -- s. John L. Joslin.

April 9. s. Abel Simonds.

April 13, s. John Kendall.

April 13. s. Jonathan Tenney. April 18. s. Jonathan Haskell.

April 9. s. Josiah B. Willard.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg.

Fitchburg March 21.st 1846.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights & Measures We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg by virtue of the law of the Commonwealth, at a meeting this day held for that purpose, do hereby appoint (May 16.) (s.) Abijah Hartwell to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures for said Town for the year ensuing.

Abel Thurston (Selectmen of Levi Downe (Fitchburg.

Fitchburg April 25th 1846.

To the Town Clerk.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maßachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the twentieth day of April instant at three o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To determine in what manner the money which was raised for the support of Common Schools in March 1845, and which remains unexpended shall be divided among the several School Districts in Town and act anything thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eleventh day of April in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. April 13, 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

April 20 Town Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg April 20, 1846 at 3, o'clock P. M. The Town meeting was opened as above pursuant to the above warrant by reading the same and choosing under the first Article Abel Thurston

Moderator.

Voted that the money unexpended raised for Schools in 1845 be divided as follows To District No. 1. \$30. No. 2. \$20. the other ten Districts \$10. each and the remainder be divided among the several Districts according to the number of Schollars which attended School in the summer of 1845, giving No 2 & No 11 their just proportion according to the No of Schollars they receive from the half District. Dissolved

Attest I. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Militia Roll May 1846.

The following is a list of persons enrolled as Soldiers as taken by the Assessors on the first day of May in the year 1846.

Abel Thurston Assessors Levi Downe Ivers Phillips | Fitchburg

Benjamin Arnold Hosea B. Aldrich Charles Arnold Lucius Aldrich Lorenzo Allen Lucius L. Albee Julius C. Aldrich Alonzo Andrews Daniel Andrews Lysander Andrews

Edward Aldrich George L. Adams Shepard F. Atherton John L. Albee Artemas Andrews Sewall F. Adams Leonard Aldrich Abel F. Adams Silas P. Billings Stillman Burnap

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Art. 2. School Money

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Joseph Baldwin Sumner D. Boynton Porter Barton William Bliss Mertt Burgess George H. Boss Murrey A. Bartlet Nathan L. Battles George Bowker Samuel Bennet Charles J. Billings Aaron F. Beaman Rancalier Bacon C. F. Burnap Levi M. Blanchard Cyril Bowker James Burns S. O. Brown George Briggs Daniel Blood George Brown Philander G. Barret Joseph C. Barrus David C. Brick Alfred H. Brick Wells R. Bardwell Eph^m N. Bowen John B. Botsford Charles Barrett William Brown E. J. Baker Isac Breed Jerome S. Brick Charles Billings Charles H. Benton J. S. Bailey Alanson C. Brown Alson C. Bridges Josiah Bacon Davis C. Bowker Sam'l Bennett David Bates Jacob Brown Josiah W. Boutelle Elisha Brown David Battles Sam! Battles

Charles Battles Samuel Burnap Calvin Battles J. F. Beal Job. S. Bigelow Porter Brown Benjamin N. Baker Abbot Bartlet Samuel. D. Barns Luther Blanchard Eleazor P. Baker Walter Brooks Cyrus D. Blanchard Isac F. Breed David H. Bailey Jonathan Boynton Samuel Carter Franklin Colburn William Coughlin Stillman Corey Erastus Cramm Edmund W. Cutler James M. Comee Samuel L Cowdin John Carr John Caulkins Charles Cummings Ralph C. Conant Josiah Chase Henry Chase Charles G. Cranston Joseph Cushing Nathiel Cummings Smith Colburn George A Corser Elijah S. Carter Nathan Caswell Stephen Caswell Samuel A. Corser J. P. Chapin Robert M. Clark Benjn E. Crocker Ira E. Cutler Ephraim Crocker Nat Cowdin 2d Israel Carter Hosea Caswell

Alden P. Churchill Benjn J. Cutler James Chapman Timothy Crowley Frederic P. Cutler Josiah Caswell Jr. Andrew P. Conant Gilbert Carter Charles Collins D. W. Comee Leander P. Comee.

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John Daisy Charles Davis Charles P. Dean Andrew J. Dean David Davis Henry W. Downer Charles Derby Jr. Wm S. Downe Albert B. Damon William Damon Hiram Davis 2d Otis Davis Joseph Derby Abel Derby Fitch Downe W^m F. Durant George DeWolf Horace Damon James H. Dean Joseph Davenport Alonzo Davis Abner B. Davis William M. Daniels John Dix Elijah Davis W^m B. Downer Thomas S. Eaton Sam.1 H. Evans David H. Eager Joel W. Eager Daniel S. Eaton Olover H. Eaton Elisha T. Eppes Ivers Emerson Wm C. Elleck W™ H. Eaton J. W. Emerson Porter J. Eaton Henry Emory

George Emory Paschal Emory Levi Farnsworth Dexter Farwell Charles Farwell Jonathan Farnsworth Jr Haskell Farwell W^m Farnsworth Daniel Fish Levi Fullum David Farnum Norman Fay Oren Fox Jabez Flint Salathiel W. Farmer Samuel Farwell Arther Forister Austin P. Farwell Harlow Frost Ward B. Farrar W^m B. Flagg Asa Farwell Job Foster S. G. Frost Geo. P. Field George Fales Milton Frost Dewitt C. Fisher Asa W. Foster George Farrar John Frost Edmund French Levi Farwell Roswell Graham John Goodridge Jr. James Gates Arrington Gibson 2d Arrington Gibson 3d

Jacob Gibson Joseph Gibson Ieremiah H. Gibson Lemuel W. Gibson Ira T. Gleason Reubin Gibson Hiram Gleason Ralph S. Gordon Joseph Gee John Goodwin Silas H. Goodnow Alfred Gray Alden Gee Lyman J. Gibson Austin B. Gates W^m Griswold George Godard John Garfield Orin Griswold Elijah T. Gove Solomon Garfield W[™] Green George Goodwin Henry Gouch Leonard B. Hartwell Iames Hartwell Horace Haywood

Willard Harris Augustus S. Hildreth George W. Hager Jacob Haskell P. B. Howard Samuel M. Hayden Charles Howard Stephen Holman Edwin Holmes George P. Hawkes Ira Ĥolt Silas Hosmer Henry B. Homer Levi Harris Andrew Houghton Daniel Hanscom Charles M. Hager F. H. Hodgman H. W. Haskell John Hunt Humphrey H. Howland Leonard Howland Joseph Hitchcock A. B. Haskell Silas P. Haskell John Holman

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Nathan Hartwell
Leonard Hartwell
Owen Hart
Zaphaniah W. Hammond
Augustus C. Houghton
Richard Hill
Ebenezer Hadley
John Hartwell
Charles S. Hosmer
Gordis D. Harris
Wm Hancock
Calvin G. Hale
Orich Haskell
Albert Houghton
Stephen Hicks
John M. Harris
Calvin Hewlett
Gideon Hallett

Charles Howe
Wm Hale
Andrew Henry
Aldrige C. Hinds
Henry E. Hutchinson
Thomas S. Hale
James A. Holden
Daniel Hewett
Abram Jaquith
Loren Joslin
Liberty Joslin
Edwin Jackson
Isac P. Jaquith
Wm Jaseph
John Jones
Edwin H. Johnson
Lorenzo Kinsman
George Kimball

Loren Kendall Franklin Kimball John J. King Charles H. Kent Harvey Kent Wm L. Kinsman George A. Kendall Orson Kimball Alvah Keyes Jer. Kinsman Jr Timothy W. Kinsman Henry F. Henry Benj.ⁿ D. Leverett James W. Leverett Rufus Litchfield W^m M. Leath Lemuel Lakin Kimball W. Lawrence Gustavus Lyman Luther Lakin James Legerwood Charles Lowe Flavel Leach David G. Lillis George W. Lillis Moses Ladam Edwin Lamb Samuel M. Lovelend Sam! M. Lovering James B. Lord Amos Lewis Benjⁿ F. Lyon Freeborn Lawrence Uriah Lawrence Charles H. Lawrence Emerson Lewis Daniel Lovejoy Moses G. Lyon John S. Leavitt John Lowe John Q Lynch Samuel Lowe James F Lufkin Dennis Mc.Going Edwin Munjoy Slade Munroe Luther Maynard

Austin Mosman Franklin Me.Intire Hiram P. Messenger Daniel Markman Joab Mann Samuel Marble John W. Mosman Joseph W. Mansur A. K. Mills Levi Mc.Intire Horace P. Messinger Stephen Mc.Intire Lyman Me.Intire Reubin M. Intire Abel Marshall Henry Maynard David P. Maynard Jed Mayo Joseph Maynard Francis McIntire W^m S. Merritt A. A. Mason Jacob Miller Benjⁿ D. Morrill Benj Marshall Alfred Mann Elmer Mason Horace Metcalf David P. Maynard Cyrus D. Munson George Nash W^m A. Nourse C. W. Nights Charles Nash John Nelson Josiah M. Nutting George Nutting Harris B. Newman Abram Orsborn 2d Ai Orsborn Franklin Orsborn Albert G. Page Joel Page Jr Porter S. Putnam John Page W^m B. Phelps Silas Pratt

Albert T. Pierce Sam! Phillips Jonathan Phillips James Peckham W^m P. Pierce Barney Pratt O. N. Pond

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Enrollment of Militia May 1846.

Otis Parmenter Thadeus Petteplace Alfred Parker Edward Pool Horace Platt Charles Pierce Thomas Pollard Lincoln Pratt Lincoln Parkhurst Alonzo Phelps Moses Perkins Jr James P. Putnam Israel H. Parker Jessee Paine James Powers Asa Putney John A. Quinleer Augustus Rice J. Henry Richardson Horace P. Rice Albert Rockwood Harvey Rideout Sam! Roberts Orlin Reed Edwin Richardson John O. Reynolds Isac. Ripley E. T. Russel Charles H. Raymond Charles Russel David Richardson Sabin Reed Leonard Rice Eli W. Raymond Ira Ricker A. J. T. J. Remington Oliver Stone Benjⁿ Safford Avory Stockwell Loriston Stockwell Joseph T. Scott

David A. Smith Norman Stone Rufus P. Smith Jessee Spaulding John Start Everett Sprague Jeremiah Stewart Charles Sawtell 2dn David Smith Ezra B. Stephens J. D. M. Sloat John Stimpson Henry Scism Samuel Scism Warren Stone Reubin Smith John Stickney Samuel Shattuck Samuel B. Smith Joseph Smith John C. Stimpson John Smith Samuel D. Sheldon Thomas Sheldon Leonard Smith Micah Shattuck Ir. Samuel Saunders John Scism Leonard Stark George O. Stickney Joshua F. Smith Orville Stiles James F Stiles Simeon Shattuck Francis Sheldon Sanborn L. Sheldon Augustus Sawyer Edward F. Smith Moses Story A. W. Sawyer Elbridge Smith

Jabez Sawyer William H. Saul Henry Safford Henry J. Sawyer Justins Stearns John M. Twitchel Samuel W. Tileston Hartwell C. Twitchel Darius Tucker Lafaette Trobridge Seth Twitchell George Tilden Eph<u>m</u> C. Tainter Henry Town P. H. Torrey Newall Tolman Charles F. Thurston Daniel Taylor James Taylor Daniel L. Tolman Cahill Tolman Charles Upton W^m Upton Albert C. Upton

James S. Vanderford Thomas Varney Winchester Wyman James Whittemore W^m J. Wheeler Alfred M. Wheeler Allen Wyman James B. Wheeler Israel Wetherbee Jr W^m Woodbury Jr Sabin Woodbury Jonathan Whitman Almond Wheeler Selin Worcester James Walker Martin Weston Edwin D. Works Walter Wiswall Isac D. Wiswall Loren Wheeler Benjn F. Wheeler Silas Winchester Charles H. White

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Elinus Waters Silas C. Waters Benjn Whiten Ephm C. Walker Simon Whitney Levi Wilkins W^m G. Wyman John Weld David E. Ware David C. Whiteomb Joseph Willard Samuel Walton Alfred Whitmore Samuel A. Wheeler Edwin Wilder Elisha Withington George P. Warren Lovell Williams Naham Wetherbee Joseph W. Wright Loren Ware

W^m White George D. Weld Samuel J. Wright John Whitney Samuel Ware Abram Whiteomb Francis Whitney Otis Williams Newton G. Whitney Luke Wellington Luke D. Walton A. C. Wright W^m Whitney Daniel F Ward W^m Winch Benjn S. Wells J. P. Wells Mason Wheeler John Webber Horace Wells Hiram Wood

J. G. Whiteomb John Williams 2^d John Woods George L. Whitcomb Henry Warren Ira Younglove

Whole enrolled Militia Nombers Five hundred and Seventy = (570.)

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[397] 1846. June 1st. Warrant. Warrant for Town Meeting June 1. 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maßachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the first day of June next, at two o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1.st To choose a Moderator

2.nd To see if the Town will discontinue the Road laid out by their Selectmen on the twenty eighth day of March last and accepted by the Town on the twentieth day of April last commencing near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending near the house of Abel Simonds or act anything in regard to said Road or the laying out of the same they may think proper.

3.rd To see if the Town will accept of the following Roads laid out by their Selectmen viz. One Beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending on the County Road near the Seythe Shop of Alpheus Kimball—One beginning near the house of Sanford Sawyer and ending near the Academy—One beginning near the Factory in Rockville Village and ending at the Vermont & Massachusetts Rail Road near the new Seythe Shop of J. T. Farwell & Co. or act anything on any of said Roads they may think proper.

4th To see if the Town will take any measures to have the Road through Mechanic Street finished and accepted by the County Commissioners and act anything in regard to said Road they may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will annex David D. Me-Intire with his home farm to School District No. 8. or act any thing thereon.

6th To see if the Town will accept of any Roads which may be laid out and reported to the Town by their Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publie Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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Warrant for Town Meeting June 1st 1846.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this sixteenth day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six.

> Josiah Sheldon) Selectmen Abel Thurston Levi Downe | Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. May 20. 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 1st 1846, at 2. O'clock

P. M. Town Meeting Opened as above pursuant to

the foregoing warrant which was read to open the

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting

June 1st. 1846.

Article 1st.

Article 2.

Art. 3d.

meeting and choosing Horace Newton Esq Moderator under the first Article. Voted to discontinue the Road set forth in the Discontinued Second Article of the Warrant.

Article third was passed over by a vote of 75. to 13.

Art. 4th. Mechanic

Voted that the Committee who have the charge of the Road mentioned in this Article cause the same to be finished forthwith and when finished to give notice to the County Commissioners and procure acceptance.

Art 5.th Voted that David D. McIntire with m D.D. McIntire District No. 8.be annexed to School District No. Eight. Voted that David D. McIntire with his home farm

Art 6 th

Voted to pass over the sixth Article. Voted to dissolve the meeting. Attest I. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[399] 1846, June 15. Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting June 15, 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting-In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifteenth day of June instant at one o'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles—

1st. 2d.

To choose a Moderator.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Cotton Factory of Ivers Phillips in Rockville Village and terminating at the Road leading by the house of Warren Parkhurst as petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others and act anything thereon they may think proper.

3d.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing at the Road passing by the house of Warren Parkhurst and near said Parkhurst's house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of Abel Simonds as petitioned for by John T. Farwell and others and act anything in regard to said Road they think proper.

4th

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing at the Road leading by the house of Warren Parkhurst and near said Parkhurst's house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham near the Scythe Shop of Alpheus Kimball as petitioned for by sd Kimball or act anything thereon they think proper.

5th.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing near the House of Moses Hale and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham between the Milldam of Josiah Sheldon and the Grist-mill of Levi Pratt. as petitioned for by Joseph Upton and Joseph Upton Jr. and act any thing thereon they think proper.

6th

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing near the house of Sanford Sawyer and terminating near the Academy as petitioned for by Joseph Willard and others and act any thing thereon they think proper.

[400] 1846 7th Warrant for Town Meeting June 15. 1846.

To see if the Town will dispose of Engine No 2. and the House and land connected therewith belonging to the Town and purchase a new Engine to be located in the Old City and act any thing thereon they think proper.

8th

To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to sell any of their Old School-houses with the lots connected with the same, and purchase new lots to build new Houses on or act any thing thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands

this sixth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Abel Thurston Selectmen of Levi Downe | Fitchburg.

Worcester, ss.

June 8, 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town Seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[401] 1846. June 15.

Town Meeting June 15. 1846

Town Hall Fitchburg June 15th 1846 at One O'clock P. M.—the meeting was opened by Reading the Warrant which is Recorded on the last preceeding two Pages of this Book Pursuant to which this meeting was held and the meeting was organized by acting on the first Article and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator

Art. 1.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from Col Ivers Phillips' Factory to Warren Parkhurst's as described in the second Article was here read to the Town when it was voted to take up the third Article under which the Report of the Selectmen of a Road mentioned in this Article was Read to the Town and thereupon it was moved that said Report

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be accepted which motion was by vote laid on the Table. When the forth Article was taken up by vote and the Report of the Selectmen of the Road mentioned in this Article was Read to the Town and

by vote was laid on the Table.

Art. 5.

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The Report of a Road mentioned in this Article was read to the Town and by vote laid on the Table. it was then moved to take up the forth Article which motion did not prevail.

Art 8. School Forman School School Houses and Selectmen be authorized to Sell any of the Old School Selectmen to buy & Sell Houses and lots connected with the same and to

purchase new lots to build new Houses upon as mentioned in the eighth Article of the Warraut.

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to the Second Monday of November next, at One O'clock P. M.

I. A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. The above adjournment was forgotten in November until the hour had passed so there was no further proceedings had under the foregoing Warrant Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[402]1846.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 27. 1846

Worcefter, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the 27th day of July Inst at four o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles,

1st 2d. To choose a Moderator.

To choose an Agent or Agents to meet the County Commissioners on the 3d of August next or whenever they shall meet for action upon the subject of the road petitioned for by Ivers Phillips or act anything thereon—

3d.

To give such instruction to said agent or Agents as shall be deemed necessary respecting said road or act anything thereon—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Abel Thurston (Fitchburg Worcester fs. July 20. 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[403] 1846 July 27. Town Meeting

Town Meeting July 27. 1846

Town Hall Fitchburg July 27, 1846, at 4, o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by the same being read and acting on the first Article in the warrant, by choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator

Art. 1.

Art 2 Voted to choose a Committee of five to meet Road, by Abel Simond's with the County Commissioners whenever they shall to Warren Parkhurst's, meet for action upon the Road Petitioned for by Ivers Phillips—

Voted that the Committee be chosen by ballot and the following are the persons chosen for said Committee William Carleton

Abel Stevens Levi Downe Jonas Marshall Abijah Hartwell

Voted that the Committee be instructed to oppose the Road petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others being established by the County Commissioners

Voted to dissolve the meeting Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[404] 1846. Road Petitioned by Ivers Phillips from Warren Parkhursts to near the House of Abel Simonds established by the

County Commissioners-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester fs. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester held at Worcester within and

for the County of Worcester on the second Tuesday of September 1846.— Whereas Ivers Phillips of Fitchburg in said County by his petition has represented that John T. Farwell himself and others on the first day of June instant, petitioned the Selectmen of said Fitchburg to lay out a town way for the use of said town beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst, and terminating near the junction of the Ashburnham and Westminster road in said Fitchburg, that said Selectmen after legal notice had been given to all parties interested proceeded to lay out and did lay out a town way as prayed for aforesaid as follows: Beginning at a stake & stones on the northerly side of the road leading from the house of William Downe to the house of Warren Parkhurst and on the easterly side of a small brook about 20 rods from said Parkhursts house thence north 2° 45′ East thirty roads and seventeen links on land of said Parkhurst to a stake & stones on the east side of said Parkhurst.s brick vard: thence North 13° west eighty two and one half rods partly on land of Warren Parkhurst and partly on land of the Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Co to a point near the centre of said rail road track thence north 4° 45' west fourteen rods on land of said Railroad Co. Alvah Crocker and Farwell & Simonds to the County road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, near the house of Abel Simonds. The road, to lie on the Easterly side of said course and to be three rods wide to the Northerly bank of the Nashua River, thence widening on the easterly side of said way, the course thereof running North 29° East fourteen rods to a post at the last mentioned road near the barn formerly owned by George Bowker. And the said Selectmen agreed

[405] for damages as follows. with the said Warren Parkhurst for passing over his land the sum. of \$75,00 and the said Vermont and Massachusetts Rail Road co. Alvah Crocker and Farwell & Simonds relinquish

all damage for laying out said way on their land: and the said Selectmen reported said road and their doings aforesaid to the Town for their acceptance: and when accepted and recorded was forever after to be known as a public town way: and the said Selectmen thereupon duly & legally called a town meeting of the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to act upon, approve and allow said town way laid out as aforesaid to be held on the fifteenth day of said June at one O'clock, P. M. and on the eights day of said June said Selectmen lodged and filed in the Clerk.s office of said town a detailed report of their laying out of said town way as the Statute in such case provides. And the said Phillips further says that the town meeting was held as above called and the town voted to lay the subject matter of the town way laid out as aforesaid by said Selectmen upon the table and without any further action upon said town way. it was voted to adjourn and they did adjourn said town meeting to the second Monday of November next at one o.clock P. M. Wherefore the Petitioner alleges that said town did unreasonably refuse or delay to approve and allow the said town way laid out by the Selectmen thereof and to put the same on record and he is agrieved by such refusal or delay. and respectfully requests the Commissioners after due notice and other legal proceedings to approve and allow of the town way aforesaid as laid out by said Selectmen and direct the said laying out and acceptance to be recorded by the Clerk of said town of Fitchburg according to the Statute in such case made and provided. On the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners caused notice to be

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given to all persons and corporations interested therein. that they would meet at the public house in said Fitchburg lately kept by Marble Putnam on monday the third day of August last at two of the clock in the afternoon by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of the order thereon in the Fitchburg Sentinel a newspaper printed in said Fitchburg three weeks successively the last publication being fourteen days at least before the said third day of August last and by Causing the Town Clerk of the said town of Fitchburg to be served by Kilburn Harwood a Deputy Sheriff of said County with an attested copy of said petition and order thirty days at least and also by posting up in two public places in said town of Fitchburg attested copies thereof fourteen days at least before the said third day of August last: at which time & place the said Commissioners would proceed to view the route set forth in said petition to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who might then and there desire to be heard thereon, and if they should adjudge that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, then to approve and allow of said town way so laid out over the rout above described and direct the same to be recorded by the Clerk of said town of Fitchburg agreeably to law.

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purpose before mentioned and having viewed the rout set forth in said petition and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon adjudged that the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg did unreasonably refuse and neglect to accept the report of the Selectmen of said town of the laying out

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of the road described in the petition of Ivers Phillips The location as made by the Selectmen of the town Fitchburg which the Commissioners approve and allow is as follows to wit: We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the northerly side of the road leading from the house of William Downe to the house of Warren Parkhurst and on the easterly side of a small brook about twenty rods from said Parkhurst, shouse

thence north two degrees and forty five minutes east thirty rods and seventeen links on land of said Parkhurst to a stake and stones on the east side of said Parkhurst's brick yard thence north thirteen degrees west eighty two and one half rods partly on land of Warren Parkhurst and partly on land of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company to a point near the Centre of said ralroad track thence north four degrees and forty five minutes west fourteen rods on land of said Railroad Company - - Alvah Crocker and Farwell and Simonds to the County road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of Abel Simonds. The road to lie on the easterly side of said course and to be three rods wide to the northerly bank of the Nashua River there widening on the easterly side of said way. The course thereof running north twenty nine degrees east fourteen rods to a post at the last mentioned road, near the barn formerly owned by George Bowker And we have agreed for damages as follows: with the said Warren Parkhurst for passing over his land the sum of seventy five dollars - - - - - \$75.00 And the said Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Company Alvah Crocker and Farwell and Simonds relinquish all damages for laving said way over their land Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and

recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of

Iune 1846

Josiah Sheldon) Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe | Fitchburg

And it is ordered that the term of twenty days be allowed the several owners of land over which said town road is located to remove their wood timber and trees thereon lying standing and growing-

And it is further ordered that the said town of Fitchburg cause the town road aforesaid to be

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worked and made safe and convenient for travellers to pass over with their horses Cattle teams carts and carriages and that it be so made before the first day of September 1847.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this adjudication be transmitted to the town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg there to be recorded in said town,s Book of Records that the said road may be forever known and mentioned as a town road.

A Copy of Record——Attest Jas G. Kendall Cler, A copy—Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[409] Warrant for Town Meeting. October 5 1846.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day October next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

To choose a Moderator-

To see what measures the town will take to make the town road from near the house of Abel Simonds to near the house of Warren Parkhurst recently established and ordered to be built by the County Commissioners and act anything in regard to said road they think proper.—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of September—in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Abel Thurston.) Selectmen of Josiah Sheldon. Fitchburg.

1st 2nd Worcester fs. September 28th 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 5.th 1846.

[410] 1846. Town Meeting October 5.

October 5th 1846. Agreeable to a Warrant of the Selectmen dated September 26.th 1846. The Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled at the Town Hall. The clerk not being present the meeting was called to Order by Levi Downe Esq and David Boutelle chosen Clerk pro. tem and sworn by L. Downe Esq-

Art 1st

Voted and chose Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to let Art 2d Committee to Superintend The building out, and superintend the building of the Road and Bridge from Abel Simonds to Warren Parkhursts as Bridge from Abel Simonds to Warren Bridge from Abel Simonds Ordered by the County Commissioners to Warren Parkhursts

Voted and chose the Selectmen f

Voted and chose the Selectmen for said Com-

mittee.

Voted to excuse Iosiah Sheldon & Levi Down at their request

Voted and chose Isaac B. Woodward who declined serving and was excused-

Voted and chose William Woodbury-who declined serving and was excused-

Voted and chose William Carleton-Voted and chose Joseph Upton Jr-

Voted that the whole subject matter of building the Road and Bridge be submitted to the Committee The Bridge to be built of Stone, or wood, as they shall judge most for the interest of the town, and to be made to their Acceptance—

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

Attest David Boutelle Clerk Pro. Tem.

A True copy from the minutes

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9th 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the ninth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

To see if the town will authorize the Committe who have the care of the fire engines belonging to the town to procure additional hose for the same or act anything thereon.

To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old town road between the house of Amos Durant and the house of Ebeneazer Whittemore as is not taken for the location and construction of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby—

To see if the town will give any direction for cutting wood and timber from the town farm or act anything thereon.—

To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at Prichard Street near the house of John a Stiles and terminating at land of Abel Fox as petitioned for by Francis Phillips and others or act anything thereon.

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at the town Road near the house of Wid Mary C. Upton and terminating at the County Road a little South of the arch bridge near Alvah Crocker,s Paper Mill as petitioned for by Salmon W. Putnam and others or act anything thereon.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the

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public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there on to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9, 1846, concluded

Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen of Abel Thurston Fitchburg.

Worcester. fs. Town of Fitchburg November 9th 1846 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time for said meeting.

Fees-Service & Travel .25

K. Harwood Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 9.th 1846.

Town Meeting November 9. 1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9, 1846 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading said Warrant and choosing Abel Thurston Moderator—who declined and Ivers Phillips Esq was chosen moderator the meeting was then adjourned until the ballot for Representative should be closed which was then being taken in another town meeting—after which the following list of Jurors was Reported under the first Article in the warrant and on vote was accepted by the Town—the Report follows—

Art 1.

Jurors-

"A. List of names of persons selected as Jurors in the Town of Fitchburg by the

[413] 1846. Jurors,

Town Meeting November 9.th 1846.

Selectmen November 7th 1846.

Abel F. Adams. Levi Pratt. John Andrews.

David Boutelle. John L. Bailey.

Nathaniel S. Boutelle. Alpheus Boutell.

John Coldwell. Thomas C. Coldwell.

Levi Downe.

William S. Downe.

Amos Durant.

Thomas S. Eaton. John T. Farwell.

Robert L. Frair. Alonzo P. Goodridge.

Asher Green.

Jeduthan M. Gibbs. Samuel Hawes.

John M. Harris. Samuel M. Humes.

David Lowe.

Daniel Messenger.

James P. Putnam.

Asa Partridge. Francis Perkins.

Benjamin Safford. Edward Smith.

Levi Sherwin. Justin Stearns.

Josiah Sheldon.

Everett Sprague. Abel Simonds.

Clark Simonds.

Cyrus Thurston. Abel Thurston.

Nathan Tolman. Joseph Upton Ir.

Edwin Upton.

Arnold Wilson. Samuel A. Wheeler.

Isaac B. Woodard. Tylor Younglove.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen of Abel Thurston | Fitchburg.

Fitchburg November 7th 1846.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Art. 2 Hose for Engines

Voted that the Committee who have the care of the Engines be authorized to procure additional Hose for the same.

Art. 3 Road

Voted to discontinue so much of the Old road be-Discontinued twen the House of Amos Durant and the House of Ebenezer Whitemore as is not taken by the location of the new County Road from Fitchburg to Ashby.

Art 4. Artice 5 Voted to pass over the forth Article.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of Francis Phillips was here read to the town and on vote was accepted

[414] 1846. Town Meeting November 9th 1846.

Road Report In ac Fox Street. We the

In accordance with the above petition and order, We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows. Beginning on the Southerly side of Prichard street at land of John A. Stiles thence partly on land of said Stiles and partly on land of Francis Phillips and over a paſs way South 26° West 240 feet to land of Abel Fox said road is over land to be kept for a paſsway and no damage is claimed for the same Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. And is to be called Fox Street.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirtieth day of October in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Abel Thurston (Fitchburg

Article 6.

Voted to pass over the six Article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9th 1846

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the ninth day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at nine of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governer and Liewtenant Governer of the Commonwealth and for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

2d.

To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Зđ.

To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth district.

and you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. — Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty six.

Josiah Sheldon. Selectmen Abel Thurston. of Levi Downe. Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Oct 26 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses in town fourteen day before the time of holding this meeting

Steph Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg

[416] 1846. Town Meeting November 9th. Town Meeting November 9th 1846. For Elections

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9th 1846, at 9, o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened by Reading the Warrant—The Selectmen presiding—Votes were then Reed for Govrnor Lt Governor and Snators on one ballot and at the same time votes for Representative to the General Court and for a Representative to Congress for the forth District Pursuant to the warrant Recorded on the preceding page—Check list used as the law directs The votes were sorted, counted and declared and the Returns thereof made out, signed, Sealed and directed in Open Town Meeting and were as follows

Governor.

For Governor the whole number of Votes was 555.

George N. Briggs had 269. Isaac Davis " 130. Samuel E. Sewell " 146. Francis Baylies " 10. Lt. Governor. For Lt. Governor Whole number of Votes was 553. John Reed had 266. George Hood 131. John M. Brewster " 146. Charles W. Moore For Senators whole number of Votes was 553. Senators Stephen Salisbury had 265. James G. Carter had 147. Calvin Willard 6.6 265. R. B. Hubbard 147. Iason Goulding 265. Joseph Griggs 147. Nathan F. Bryant 265. Gilman Iones 147. George Denny 265. Charles Adams Ir. 147. 66 Otis Adams 130. Ivers Phillips 36 Francis Howe 6.6 130. R. B. Hancock 10. Milton Whitney 95. Elias M. Stillwell 10. Seth Hapgood 6.6 130. Wm. Sigourney 10. Alfred Bragg 6.6 130. Samuel Harrington " 10

[417] Town Meeting November 9.th 1846. Elections
Representa to Congres. Votes was 502.

John G. Palfrey had 255. Frederic Robinson "98. James G. Carter "142. Wilder S. Thurston "6. Nathaniel Wood "1.

Seth Alden had 10.

Represent For Representative to the General Court whole Gent Court number of Votes 1st Ballot 456.

Necessary to a choise 229. no choise Charles Mason had 118. Joseph Upton Ir 10 John Coldwell 136. Stephen Shepley 109. Ebenezer Torrey 73 6.6 Alpheus Boutelle 1. Thomas C. Coldwell 66 1. Horace Newton 66 7. Israel Turner 66 1.

Second Ballot. Whole No. of Votes 457. necessary to a choise 229.

had 225, no choise. Ebenezer Torrey John Coldwell 136. Nathaniel Wood 59. Stephen Shepley 26 Horace Newton 5. 2. Charles Mason Israel Turner 2. Isaac B. Woodard 1. Chedorlaomer Marshall " 1.

Third Ballot. Whole No. Votes 404. Necessary to a Choise 203.

> Ebenezer Torrey had 248, and was chosen John Coldwell 109. Nathaniel Wood 40 Stephen Shepley 4. Isaac B. Woodard 1. Lyman Mc.Intire 1. John Joslin 1.

At 12. o'clock the meeting was adjourned one hour for dinner.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[418] 1846. Warrant.

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 21, 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the November 21. Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Saturday the twenty first day of November instant at two O'lock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:-

To choose a Moderator.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Acadamy and terminating near the house formerly occupied by Sanford Sawyer, as petitioned for by Joseph Willard 3d.

and Daniel Emery and act anything thereon they

think proper.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the House of the Widow Mary C. Upton at the Road leading from the Stone Mill by the house of Samuel Hale, and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster near the south end of the Arch Bridge and act any thing thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least

before the time for holding said meeting.

[419] Warrant for Town Meeting November 21, 1846.

November 21. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Abel Thurston (Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. November 14, 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time of holding this meeting—

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novm 21. 1846, Town Meeting November 21. 1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 21.st 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. the meeting was opened as above pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which was read by the Clerk and under the first Article of said Warrant

Art. 1st. William Carleton Esq was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2d. The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out Road by them was here read to the Town and Accepted as Conditionally set forth in the second Article of the Warrant pro-

vided said Road be built to the Acceptance of the Selectmen within one year free from all and any expense to the Town for land damage or making—the following is the Report.

"In accordance with the above petition and Order we the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a Town Way,

[420] 1846. Town Meeting November 21.st 1846

High Street, as follows- Beginning at the South end of a bank wall in frunt of the house of Sanford Sawyer on High Street thence south 20-40'. West 6, rods partly on the town Road and partly on land of Thomas Hale and Cyrus Thurston, thence same course 22. Rods on land of Jonas A. Marshall to land of the High School Association-thence same course partly on land of said High School Association and partly on the Old Road 8, rods to a stake and stones-Said Road to be forty feet wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course—And we have apprised the damage to the several owners of the land over which said Road passes as follows-To Jonas A. Marshall thirty dollars. To the High School Association five dollars-to be paid before said road is opened-and the said Hale and Thurston relinquish all damage and we allow the several owners of land two months to take off the wood standing and growing thereon— Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their Acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way— Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of June in the vear 1846.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen Abel Thurston of Levi Downe Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Art 3d.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Salmon W. Putnam and others was here read to the Town whereupon [421]1846.

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it was voted to accept said Report on condition that the Road be build within one year from this time to the acceptance of the Selectmen and free of any and all expense to the Town the following is said Report. but I understand the Road will not be built upon the conditions above and I find the following Report was recorded by mistake

Road Report. by the house Putnam

Clerk,

Town

Marshall '

Attest J. A.

paised over.

This Report was Recorded by mistake it is the Report referred to in the 6 Article of

warrant for town meeting on the 9th instant which Article was

In accordance with the above petition and order of Salmon W. we the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg having adjudged that the prayer of said petitioners ought to be granted have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, Beginning at a stake on the easterly side of the road leading from Jame,s Whitneys by Samuel Hale,s at land of the Wid Mary C. Upton, then partly on said Uptons land and partly on the old grave yard South 511/2° East 3 rods and 21 links to a stake set up Thence partly on land of said Upton and partly on land of Salmon W. Putnam South 44° East 17 Rods to a stake and stones Thence south 46° West five feet to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Putnam South 521/2 East ten rods to a stake set up Thence on land of said Putnam South 41° East fourteen rods to a stake at land of Samuel Hale. Thence on land of said Hale south 461/2 East 6 rods 15 links to a stake Thence on land of said Hale south 63° E. three rods and five links to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Hale South 871/2 East three rods and eight links to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Hale North 751/4° East seven rods nineteen links to a stake set up Thence on land of said Hale North 72° East seven rods and ten links to a stone set in the ground Thence over land of said Hale south 871/4 East about ten rods to the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster All the bounds of said road are on the Southerly side of said location the first two lines over land of Mrs Upton and othsaid road is to be twenty five feet wide-from

thence over land of Salmon W. Putnam the, road is to be twenty eight feet wide, from thence over land of Samuel Hale the road is to be thirty three feet wide And we have apprised the damage to Mary C. Upton to be one hundred dollars to be paid when said road is opened and we have agreed with Salman W. Putnam to relinquish all damage and with Sanuel Hale to relinquish all damage on condition that the town will erect a wooden fence suficient to stop cattle on the southerly

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side of said road and build and keep in repair a bridge under which shall be a sufficient space kept open for cattle to pass and repass eight feet wide. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way and is to be called street.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of October in in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon (Selectmen of Abel Thurston (Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The above Report was Recorded by mistake and as the clerk has been informed by the Selectmen that the Road will not be built upon the conditions under which the Report refered to in the third article in the warrant was accepted, I shall not record said Report which is marked as Reed, in the town Clerks Office November 14, 1846, and the same is on file—

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting December 28, 1846.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maßachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the twenty eighth day of December current at two of the clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth district.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses, in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen of Abel Thurston Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. December 14th 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses, fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1846. December 28. Town Meeting

O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order by the Selectmen and opened by reading the same and the Warrant from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts Ordering the Election—check list used as the law directs—Votes were then received sorted counted and declared and were as follows—

Representative to Congrefs. For Representative to Congress for district number four the whole number of Votes was 287.

John G. Palfrey had 163. Frederick Robinson 64. James G. Carter 56. Wilder S. Thurston 4.

The Return of the above was made out, signed, sealed, and Directed in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[425] 1847. March 1.st Warrant.

1847.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1847.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the first day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

Art. 2. Art. 3.

To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes or act any thing respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper.

Art 4.

To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to settle with their treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past: and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Art. 5.

To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work-House and poor establishment the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.

Art 6

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their High-Ways. Town-Ways and

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1847. March 1st. Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor, &c on said Roads.

Art. 7. To choose a committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

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To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the Schools; and act anything in regard to the expending and division of the same, they may think proper.

Art. 10 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to School Houses they think proper.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will have their School Houses insured, or act anything thereon.

Art. 12. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

Art. 16. To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing and act anything thereon they may think proper.

Warrant March 1, 1847.

To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some Suitable person to

take charge of their Poor-Farm for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the Town.

Art. 19.

Art. 20.

Art. 23

Art. 24

Art. 25.

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Art. 26.

To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or aet anything upon the subject they think proper.

To see if the Town will purchase a new Fire Engine, to be located in the Old City: and dispose of the Old Engine, House, Land, &c. now located in that part of the village, or act anything in regard to the whole subject they think proper.

To see if the Town will build Reservoirs for water, to be used in ease of fire in different parts of the Centre Village, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will build a Tomb for the use of the Town, or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will pay twenty five dollars awarded as damage to the High School Association, in the location of the High Street road, or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will build the Road from near the House of Widow Mary C. Upton, to the county Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster which was laid out by the Selectmen, and reported to the town at a meeting of the same in November last and accepted conditionally, or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will discontinue the Old Road leading from the house of Farwell Nicholds to the Road leading by the house

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of Ebenezer Hutchinson.

To see if the Town will cut down the Road at the top of the hill in front of the house of Jonas Marshall, or act anything thereon they think proper. Art. 27.

To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of certain persons on the Tax-bill of 1846, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28.

To see if the Town will annex Nathan Hartwell to School District No. 8.

Art. 29.

To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town, and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twelfth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Josiah Sheldon Selectmen

Abel Thurston \ of Levi Downe | Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Feb.^r 13. 1847. I served the within Warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same, at each of the public meeting-houses in the within named town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting March 1. 1847. Fitchburg-

Town Meeting, Town Hall Fitchburg March 1. 1847. at 9. o'clock A. M. meeting was opened by reading the Warrant recorded on page 425. and following—of this book and choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator Pursuant to said warrant—the meeting was further opened by prayer By Rev. Ebenezer W. Bullard—check list used as the Law directs in the choise of Selectmen and Town Clerk. Voted that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be balloted for at the same time.

Art 1.

Voted To choose three Selectmen.

Art. 4. Report on Treasury for 1846

Voted to take up the forth Article and hear the Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the acounts of the Selectmen and Assors for the year past, which Report being read it appeared that the balance against the Town was the sum of \$16.688.19. the same balance last year was \$6.321.01. after said Report had been read it voted that the same be accepted. Chose for the same purpose for the year ensuing viz a committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors—David Boutelle, William Carleton and Abel Simonds—

Committee on Treasury 1847.

Art. 1.
Town Clerk.

For Town Clerk chose s J. A. Marshall who was sworn in open Town meeting by the moderator Ivers Phillips Just of the peace.

Oaths.

N. B. For evidence of the qualification by Oath of the officers chosen by the Town under this warrant and throughout the year and also those which may be appointed by the Selectmen during the year and of whom an Oath is by law required before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively—and who have taken the Oath required by law before me as Town Clerk will have the letter s. prefixed to their names and the date day & month, preceeding the letter s unlefs qualified on the day of election—

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Fitchburg March 1, 1847. For Selectmen on First ballot no one was cho-

2^d Ballot chose William Carleton. Declined March 2

John L. Joslin. who declined serving
and on vote was excused whereupon it was voted to
bring in votes for four Selectmen in addition to the
one already chosen, on one ballot and it was then
Voted that one hour be allowed to prepare votes for
Selectmen—

Article 2.

The polls were opened for County Treasurer and

the votes were reed, sorted, counted and declared, as the law directs and were as follows the whole number of Votes was 138, all for Anthony Chase.

Article 1. Assessors. For Assessors chose s Abel Thurston.

April 5 s John L. Joslin.

s Justin Stearns.

Treasurer. For Town Treasurer chose s. Ebenezer Torrey.
Constables. For Constables chose s. Stephen Shepley.

March 12. s. David F. McIntire.

" 2. s. Kilburn Harwood.

s. Aaron F. Beaman.

Chedorlaomer Marshall.

March 2. s Timothy S. Wilson.

s Elliot Wood.

March 9. s. Caleb W. Jaquith. Constables
March 2, 1847 chose

s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Samuel M. Dole.

s. John Coldwell.

April 5. 1847, chose

April 15. s. Edwin Upton.

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1847. March 1. Art 1.

For Fence Veiwers chose

March 2. s. Isaac B. Woodard. s. Edwin Upton.

Fence Viewers,

March 5. s. Samuel Phelps.

s. Abel F. Adams.

March 6. s. Joseph Gibson.

Field Drivers. For Field Drivers chose s. David Whitemore.

James Hartwell.

s. Ebenezer Thurston.

s. John Harris. Daniel Virgil.

Surveyors of Lumber. For Surveyors of Lumber chose

May 15 s Abijah Hartwell.

s. Tylor Younglove.

March 19, s. Henry Maynard.

s Alonzo O. Carter.

Sealers Leather Pound Keeper.

For Sealers of Leather chose, s. Charles Sawtell. s. Jed Mayo.

For Pound Keeper chose

Reubin Rice.

Adjourned March 2. 1847.

After the business had progressed thus far the meeting was by Vote adjouned to tomorrow March 2d at 9. o'clock A. M. at which time the meeting was opened by the Moderator pursuant to adjournment.

after the meeting was opened it was moved that it be adjourned to Monday next at 9. o'clock A M. but said motion did not prevail

The polls were then opened for the choise of four Selectmen in addition to William Carleton

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[432]1847. March 2d. Article 1. Selectmen.

March Meeting. Adjournment March 2, 1847.

For Selectmen chose. s. Abel Thurston.

s. Abel F. Adams.

s. John Coldwell.

s. Levi Downe.

s. Josiah Sheldon, in place of of William Carleton who have declined serving as one of the Selectmen and on vote Mr Carleton and Mr Joslin who declined yesterday were excused whereupon the town proceeded to ballot for one more Selectman in place of William Carleton and Josiah Sheldon whoes name is recorded above was declared chosen.

The meeting here by vote adjourned one hour for dinner. the meeting was opened at 1. o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment—

Dinner Adjourned

Fire Wards. For Fire Wards chose

Alpheus Kimball. J. A. Marshall. Iosiah Sheldon. John Prichard. Ebenezer Torrey. Robert L. Frair. John Caldwell.

John Clark. (Horace Newton was chosen but declined all others signified their acceptance.

See Page 451. May 15. 1847.

Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.
Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler.
Timothy S. Wilson.

John H. Wheeler. Timothy S. Wilson. Charles Sawtell. David F. McIntire.

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Voted not to choose Tything-men.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Cullers of Hoops & Staves For Cullers of Hoops and Staves chose

Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.

Chedorlaomer Marshall

David Boutelle were

Chosen Fire Wards.

March 6. s. E. S. Bowdich.

Voted that the Selectmen report a list of persons for Highway Surveyors at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to put over to the adjournment of this meeting the choosing of School Committee.

Art. 3.

Passed over by vote for the present.

Art. 5. Art. 6. \$2500. Highways Past over to adjournment.

For Highways and Bridges voted to raise Twenty five hundred Dollars to repair the same—and that the same price be paid for labor &c as last year.

& Bridges.
Art. 7.
Bridge
Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee the year ensuing.

Art. 9. \$2400. Schools. Past over to adjournment.

Voted to raise the sum of Twenty four hundred Dollars for the support of Common Schools the year ensuing and that it be divided one hundred Dollars to each District and the remainder among the large Districts by a Committee of five chosen for that purpose for that committee chose

Hon. Nathaniel Wood.

William Carleton Esq. Ivers Phillips Esq. Stephen Shepley. Abel Stevens. Art 10. Repairing School Houses

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to keep in repair our School Houses the year ensuing.

[434] 1847. March 2d. Art. 11. School

March Meeting Adj. March 2, 1847.

Voted that the Town Treasurer procure Insurance Houses to be Insured. against Fire on our School Houses.

Art. 12. Charges \$12,000. Art 13. Bell & Clock

Voted to raise Twelve Thousand Dollars to defray necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to proeure one of the Bells rung for Town purposes the year ensuing and take care of the Town Clock.

Art 14. Horses Neat Cattle &c Restrained.

Voted that Horses, Neat-eattl and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Art 15. Treasurer to borrow Money.

Art 16

Voted that the Treasurer be Authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take committee. charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Town House

Overseers of Poor be author-Poor to contract with some suitable person to take Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorcharge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Art. 18. Engine Committee

Voted to choose a Committee to take care of and keep in repair our Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the apparatus thereunto belonging, and chose for that Committee

> Abijah Hartwell. John Coldwell. Abram S. Dole. Thomas F. Handay.

Art. 19. License Law.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to prosecute any violation of the License Law at the expense of the Town.

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March Meeting Adj-March 2, 1847.

March 2d. Art. 20:

Voted that the twentieth Article be referred to the Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 21. Reservoirs. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to grant the privilege of building Reservoirs in the Highways if they see fit provided it be done free of any and all expense to the Town.

Art. 22. Tomb. Voted to build or procure a Tomb—for the use of the Town.

Art. 23. High School Association \$25. Voted that twenty five Dollars be paid the High School Association for the purpose mentioned in the twenty third Article.

Art. 24.

Voted that the Subject of the twenty forth Article be referred to the three first Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment.

Art. 25, Art. 26. Voted to pass over the twenty fifth Article.

Voted that the subject of this the twenty sixth Article be refered to a committee of three to report at the adjournment of this meeting—chose for said Committee

William Carleton.

Isaac B. Woodard.

Levi Downe.

Art. 27. Taxes to abate. On the Subject of the twenty seventh Article voted that the Selectmen be authorized to abate the taxes of such persons as have died poor, at their discretion—and also such taxes of the Hon. Nathaniel Wood shall decide were illegally assessed.

Art 28. N. Hartwell to District No 8. Annex.

Voted that Nathan Hartwell be annexed to School District No 8.

[436] 1847. March 2. Art. 29. March Meeting Adj. March 2d 1847.

Voted to pass over the twenty ninth Article there being no Reports offered under this Art.

Art. 1.

The first Article was here again taken up and on vote proceeded to choose three additional Constables

Constables see page 430. by nomination

Chose s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Samuel M. Dole. s. John Coldwell.

Adjourned

Here the Town voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at one O'clock P. M.

April 5. 1847. Monday April 5th 1847. Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the Town Hall in said

Fitchburg at one o'clock P. M. and the meeting was opened by the moderator—Ivers Phillips Esq

Article 1.

For Highway Surveyors chose

Phineas S. Kimball. s. Ivers Phillips. s. David D. McIntire. Stephen McIntire.

s Justin Stearns.

s. Silas Hosmer.

s. Levi Downe.

Nathan Tolman.

April 21. s. Levi Farnsworth.

April 19. s. Luther Maynard.

April 9. s. Edward Smith.

s. Alpheus Boutelle.

April 15. s. Farwell Nichols.

s. Samuel Hale 2d.

s. John Harris.

s. Joel Page Ir.

April 17. s. Hosea M. Caswell.

May 8, s. Nathan Caswell. April 15. s. George O. Stickney.

> s. Abel Marshall. Alonzo P. Goodridge.

s. John Andrews.

April 10. s. Jonathan Whitman. William Woodbury Ir.

s. Thomas S. Eaton.

s. Abel Simonds.

s. Micha Shattuck Jr.

March Meeting Adjournment April 5. 1847.

Voted to choose one more Constable.

Voted & chose April 5 s. Edwin Upton, Constable (See Page 430.).

Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector of Art. 3. Taxes.

> Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder and on the same conditions as last year which being done they were struck off to Isaac B. Woodard at one dollar and ninty cents on the hundred Dollars. The following

s. Samuel Burnap.

s. Isaiah Putnam.

s. Daniel Works.

[437] 1847. April 5.th Art. 1.st Constable

Collection of. \$1.90 on 100\$

gentlemen were proposed as bondsmen for, Isaac B. Woodard as Collector and were accepted by the Town. Whereupon the Town Voted and chose s.

Collector. Isaae B. Woodard, Collector,

The committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of Art 5. the Poor Establishment for the past year here made

their Report which was read and on vote was Poor Support accepted by which it appears that the poor have cost of \$823.57. the Town for their Support the past year \$823.57. Voted & chose for a committee for the same pur-Committee

on Support pose for the year ensuing

William Bemis. Abel Stevens Nathan Ordway.

Article 8 The School Committee presented their Report School Com. which was not read but ordered to be printed 1000 copies.

Voted and chose Ivers Phillips. Art 1.

Stephen Holman. School Stephen Shepley. Committee Asa Farwell.

> John L. Chandler, School Committee Voted to take up the ninth Article but nothing

was done here

Art 9

Jonas Marshalls,

Art 20 Past over indefinately

Art 24 Voted that the Town, in consequence of the owners of land through which the Road refered to in this Road by Article passes, refusing to build said Road, rocede Mrs Uptons

> from its former proposal or vote on the subject of said Road. See page 420, & 421.

March Meeting Adj-April 5.th 1847. [438]

The Committee to whome the Subject of this Report on Report on Article was referred made here the following Report the Alteration Article was referred made here the following Report "Your Committee chosen at the last March meeting to examine the hill near the house of Mr Jonas Marshall have attended to that duty and Report as follows-Your Committee are unanimous in the opinion that something must be done to remedy that hill, that if the Town do not do it the County Commissioners will if they are applied to, your Committee undertook to estimate the expense of reduceing the hill in two different ways, the first was by filling the valley between the House of Mr Marshall and the house of Wm. Carleton so as to make it an inclined plane which will reduce the hill to 31/2 degrees, your Committee by making an estimate as near as they could eame to the conclusion that 1500, yards would make that fill and that could be done for 10, cents pr yard making \$150, of which if this course is adopted Mr Marshall will pay \$25, and Mr Sheldon & Carleton \$25, leaving \$100, for the Town to pay, your Committee are of Opinion that if this course is adopted it will be necessary that a small fill be made easterly of Mr Marshalls House which will probably cost \$20. more which will make \$120. The other course to reduce the hill was by making a cut of two feet on the top of the hill and fill to make it and inclined plain to near the house of Carleton which will reduce the hill to 3 degrees which your committee are of opinion can be done for \$100, if this course is adopted Mr Sheldon & Carleton will pay \$50. towards the expenses in this case Mr Marshall claims damages. he was urged to name the amount to which he replied he should get all he could.

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all which is respectfully submitted by your Committee. Wm Carleton

ittee. Wm Carleton Levi Downe

Isaac B Woodward

After the foregoing Report had been read the same was accepted and on vote the first proposition in said Report was adopted and that the committee above earry the same into effect—Mr Carleton at his request was excused and Mr Josiah Sheldon was chosen in his stead.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Officers Appointed by Selectmen March 1847.

Officers Appointed

The Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint Measurers of the following persons to be measurers of wood and Wood & Bark Bark in said town for the year ensuing and fix the price at six cents pr. load.

> Ebenezer Ball. Nathaniel S. Boutelle.

March 23 s. Joseph Pierce.

April 15. s. Jonathan L. Tenney. Robert L. Frair.

April 7. s. John L. Joslin. Abel Simonds. Aaron K. Litch. Ionathan Haskell.

April 15. s. Josiah B. Willard.

Fitchburg March 13.th 1847.

Abel Thurston Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen John Coldwell | of Abel F. Adams Fitchburg Levi Downe

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose do hereby appoint May 15. s Abijah Hartwell to be Sealer of Weights and Measures in said Town for the year ensuing

Fitchburg March 13, 1847.

Abel Thurston) Josiah Sheldon | Selectmen John Coldwell Abel F. Adams Fitchburg Levi Downe

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[440] 1847. Warrant. April 5th Warrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1847.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, In the name of the Commonwealth of Greeting. Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day of April next it being the first Monday of said month at twelve O'clock at noon to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two special Commissioners for the County of Worcester,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston
Abel F. Adams
Josiah Sheldon
John Coldwell
Levi Downe

Abel Thurston
Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Woreester fs: March 20th 1847. I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in the Town of Fitchburg fourteen days at least before the time for holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 5.th 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 5.th 1847. 12. O'clock at noon pursuant to Warrant Recorded on Page 440 of this Book the Town meeting was opened as above by the Selectmen, the Warrant having been read the Selectmen Received the Votes of the Inhabitants who were legal Voters for Three County Commissioners and Two Special Commissioners which were sorted, counted and declared as follows.

[441] 1847. April 5. For County Commissioners. The Whole number of Votes was 212. William Crawford had 140.

Jerome Gardner " 142.
Joseph Bruce " 141.
Nathaniel Wood " 71.
William P. Marble " 71.
Warren Humes " 70.
Leonard Burrage " 1.

For Special Commissioners Whole number of Votes 212.

Stephen Davis had 142. Jason Goulding " 142. Gardner Ruggles " 70. Otis Adams " 70.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[442] 1847. Warrant. April 5.th Warrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1847.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at three O'clock, in the after noon then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1.st To choose a Moderator.

2.^d To See if the Town will unite School Districts No. 1. and 2. so as to form One District to be called District No. 1. according to the vote of said Districts passed at their Annual Meetings March 15th 1847.

3d To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to prepare and lay before the Town a list of such Inhabitants of said Town as are well qualified to serve as Jurors, and to take such further action in relation to Jurors as they shall deem proper.

4th To see if the Town will allow Samuel Fancis any further compensation for work done on the

Stone Bridge near the Stone Mill in the 'Old City' or act anything thereon they may think proper.

5.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Hiram Dayis and others or Act any thing thereon.

6.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen, as petitioned for by William Marshall and Others or act any thing thereon.

7th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by George F. Harris and Others or act any thing thereon.

8th To see if the Town will Discontinue any part of the Old Road leading from the house of

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Farwell Nicholds to the Road leading by the house of Ebenezer Hutchinson or act any thing thereon.

9th To see if the Town will pay Samuel Smith the sum awarded to him as damage for widening the Road near the house of P. S. Snow in 1835, or act any thing thereon.

10th To see if the Town will take measures to provide a more Suitable and Commodious Town House or Hall for holding Town Meetings and transacting other Town business and to dispose of the Old Town House or act any thing upon the subject they think proper.

11th To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of building side-walks in the village or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under

[443] 1847. our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

> Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams Selectmen John Coldwell of Levi Downe Josiah Sheldon

Worcester, fs: March 27, 1847. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in the Town of Fitchburg seven days before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg. Attest Ionas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Hall Fitchburg April 5.th 1847. 3, O'clock P. M. A. meeting was opened at the above time and place Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on Pages 442 & 443 of this Book. the Warrant being read by the Clerk the meeting was Organized by choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator under the first Article.

Article 1st.

Article 2d. Districts Nos 1. & 2. United. Article 3d. Jurors. Voted that School Districts Nos. 1. & 2. be United in One District and be called District No. 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to revise the Juror Box and that the Selectmen cause the list of pirsons selected as Jurors to be posted with the Warrant for the next Town Meeting and published in the Several newspapers published in town.

Article 4th.

The forth Article was passed over or postponed indefinately.

Article 5th.

The Report of a Road mentioned in the fifth Article on the petition of Hiram Davis and Others was here read to the Town and on vote it was accepted on the following conditions, that it be built free from any and all expense to the Town to the Acceptance of the Selectmen and be completed within one year—Mr Davis was presant and agreed to comply with the conditions. The following is the Report.

Road on petition of Accepted

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitch-Hiram Davis burg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town & Others. Way as follows: Beginning at a Stake and Stones at the south west corner of land owned by Cyrus Robinson on the North side of Davis Street, thence on land of Hiram Davis South 53° 15' East three hundred and Seventy one feet to land of the late Samuel Willis, Said Road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Northeasterly side of said course, also the Northeast corner of land owned by William Sandin and bordering on said Road and on Davis Street, to be made on a proper circle for the distance of ten feet on each of said Roads. And we have agreed

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with the owners of the land over which said road passes, who release all damages for laying said way through their land, Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way-

Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of March

1847.

Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams John Coldwell Levi Downe Iosiah Sheldon

Selectmen

Fitchburg

of

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 6 Report of a Road shall Accepted Grove Street.

A Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen of the petition of William Marshall and others was on petition of Wm. Mar-heare read to the Town and on Vote was accepted and Ordered to be built within Six Months under the direction of the Selectmen—The following is the Copy of said Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning one foot Easterly of a Stone post on Pritchard Street at the Northeasterly corner of land of William E. Haskins thence South 343/4" West thirty

Six Rods and five links partly over a traveled way and partly over land of Benjamin Snow, thence same course two hundred feet to a stake on Main Street two rods easterly of of land of Thomas R. Boutelle said course over land of Abial I. Towne. to be thirty feet wide till it passes the land of Milton Frost thence to be thirty three feet to the end of said way on Main Street and to lie on the Westerly side of said course—And we have appraised the damage of land over which said way passes as follows To Abial I. Towne the sum of Six hundred Dollars and the said Benjamin Snow releases all damage for laying said way through his land. Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their Acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty day of March 1847. (see next page)

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See Report of Road on last preceeding Page the following are the names of Selectmen who signed said Report

Abel Thurston
Abel F. Adams
John Coldwell
Levi Downe
Josiah Sheldon

Abel Thurston
Selectmen
Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 7.th

Under the seventh Article was read a Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of George F. Harris and Others, which Report was by vote Accepted and said Road was ordered to be built under the direction of the Selectmen within Six months. The following is the

Road Report. on petition of George F. Harris and Others. Rockville Accepted. N B. this location was

changed

Report.

In accordance with the above petition and order We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid October 23. 1847. See this Book Page, 462. out for the use of said Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning at the southerly side of the Road leading by the Cotton Mill of Ivers Phillips and the house of Charles Russell in Rock-ville at the second Stone post on the easterly side of the passway leading from said Road to the Cotton Mill aforesaid, thence South 23° 45′ West 10. Rods on land of Ivers Phillips to land of Charles Russell, thence South 31.° West 9½ Rods on land of said Russell to a pile of Stones—thence South 5° west 19. Rods on said Russell's land to a pile of Stones—thence South 52° East 17. Rods to a pile of stones thence South 55° East 7. Rods to a pine stump—from the pine Stump South 64° East 7 Rods two links—

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South 451/2 East 5. Rods 20 links, South 321/4 East 51/2. Rods, South 23° East S. Rods S. links, South 2¼° East, 33½ Rods to a Maple Tree. Thence South 14° 30". East 15. Rods and four Links to a Stake and Stones on the Northerly side of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster. The first 55 Rods to be 21/2 Rods wide-then 18. Rods to be 31%. Rods wide and the remainder to the County Road to be 21/2 Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course. And we have appraised the damage to Ivers Phillips for laying said Road through his land at One hundred Dollars, and we have agreed with Charles Russell for his damage at Eighty Dollars, and Leonard C. Sanborn and Abel Simonds relinquish all damage for passing through their land, and the above named Phillips and Russell to receive their damage before said Road is opened and we allow the said Phillips three months to remove a building now standing thereon, Which said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way. Dated at Fitchburg this 27.th day of March 1847.

Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams John Coldwell Levi Downe Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 8. Voted to pass over the eighth Article in the Warrant.

Article 9. Voted to pass over the ninth Article or pospone indefinitely.

Attest.

Art. 10. Voted to pass over the tenth Article.

Art. 11. Voted to pass over the eleventh Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting May 15th 1847.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Saturday the fifteenth day of May instat one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

To take such action as they think proper on an Order of Notice from the County Commissioners based on a petition of Thomas R. Adams and Others to lay a Road from near the House of Ebenezer Whitemore to Ashby line.

To see if the town will build a new School House in District No. 12. and act any-thing in regard to building School Houses they think proper.

To see if the Town will take measures to prepare a code of By Laws for future use or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will purchase a new Fire

Engine to be located in the Old City: and dispose of the Old Engine, House, Land &c. now located in that part of the village or act anything in regard to the whole subject they think proper.

To see if the Town will choose an additional number of Fire Wards for the year ensuing.

To see if the Town will alter or improve the Road between the Hovey place and the House formerly owned by Charles Davis or act anything thereon.

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To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the House of Widow Mary C. Upton and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster as petitioned for by Abel Kenney and others and act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the house of Kilburn Harwood and terminating near the house of Silas W. Hutchinson as petitioned for by Daniel Emory and act anything thereon they think proper.

To see if the Town will sell any land from their Poor Farm, or act any thing thereon they think proper.

To see if the Town will accept a list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighth day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston. Abel F. Adams. John Coldwell. Fitchburg Levi Downe. Josiah Sheldon.

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Worcester, ss. May 8th 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in the Town of Fitchburg seven days before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[450] 1847. May 15. Town Meeting. Town Meeting May 15. 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 15. 1847. One O'clock P. M. Meeting opened as above pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, by reading the same and choosing William Carleton Esq—Moderator.

Article 1st, Road to Ashby by Stillman Burnaps, Committee to Oppose, Voted to choose a Committee of three to oppose the location of the Road set forth in the first Article of the Warrant. Chose for said Committee

Hon. Nathaniel Wood.
William Carleton Esq.
William Woodbury.
Abel Stevens.
Alpheus P. Kimball.

Article 2d.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build a New School House in District No 12. if they shall think it necessary.

School Houses. Districts Nos 12, & 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be Authorized to build a School House for Ward No. 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure a School House for Word No 1. Otherwise than by building if they see fit—

Article 3d Bye Laws. Committee on. Voted that a Committee be chosen to draft a code of Bye Laws for the Town and Report at some future meeting

Chose for said Committee William Woodbury.

William Woodbury.
Jonas A. Marshall.
Nathaniel Wood.
Milton Whitney.
Horace Newton.

Article 4. New Fire Engine No. 2. \$800. for.

Voted to appropriate eight hundred Dollars to procure an Engine to take the place of Fire Engine No 2.

Voted that John Coldwell C. Marshall & Milton Whitney be a committee to procure said Engine.

[451]1847. May 15. Article 4th Old Engine No. 2. Article 5th. Fire Wards, Town Meeting May 15.th 1847.

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of Engine No. 2, as they think proper.

Voted to choose two Fire Wards in addition to those chosen at March meeting.

Chose Chedorlaomer Marshall. Fire Wards David Boutelle.

Article 6th.

Road by Hovey place the Road mentioned in this article, to be cleared of story place the story p Voted that the Selectmen be requested to cause all incumbrances, and Also Voted to appropriate (\$100.) one hundred Dollars to be laid by the Selectmen for the improvement of the Road mentioned in the Sixth Article.

Article 7. Article 8. Past over the 7 Article by vote.

High Street. Accepted

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Daniel Emery and others was here read to the Town and on voted the same was accepted as follows or on the following condition, the Town appropriated One hundred Dollars on condition that individuals should within two weeks, give Bonds to the Town to build and complete said Road and pay all damages for land and save the town from any and all expense for land damages or for building said Road except the one hundred Dollars above appropriated, and that that the Road shall be completed to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first day of October next. A Bond was given as above to the acceptance of the Selectmen. The following is the Report.

High St.

In accordance with the above petition and Order, we the Subscribers, Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows. Beginning at a Stake on the westerly side of High Street in the village of said town nearly opposite a small house now occupied as a School House

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and running North 15.° East 8 Rods and fifteen links partly on said High St. and partly on land of the High School Association to a gray Oak marked, thence North 11° East one rod and twenty links partly on said High St. and partly on land of said High School Association thence same course nine rods on land of Ionas A. Marshall to a stake two feet west of Poplar tree marked, thence North 1° 30" West partly on said High St. and partly on land of said Marshall nineteen rods and fifteen links to a stake at the south east corner of land of David Ordway being on the west side of said High St. to be forty feet wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course And we have appraised the damage to the owners of land over which said way passes as follows: To said High School Association we have appraised no damage, to Jonas A. Marshall the sum of thirty dollars for laving said way through his land, to be paid by said town before said way is opened. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of May in the year 1847.

Abel Thurston
Abel F. Adams
John Caldwell
Levi Downe

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 9.

One the Subject of the ninth Article voted that the Selectmen be authorized to receive proposals for land belonging to our Poor Farm & and lay the same before the Town at some future meeting.

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The following Report was then laid before the Town by the Selectmen of a list of persons selected as Jurors, which was Read and on vote was accepted A List of Persons proposed by the Selectmen to the town for Jurors—

Jurors.

Wm. Marshall John Andrews Edward Aldrich Abram Osborne David Boutell Joseph Pierce Alpheus Boutell Nathan Prescott Nathl. S. Boutell Levi Pratt John L. Bailey Iames P. Putnam Thomas C. Caldwell Francis Perkins Saml. S. Crocker Benjamin Safford Wm S Downe Edward Smith Amos Durant Levi Sherwin Thomas S. Eaton Justin Stearns John T. Farwell Everett Sprague Levi Farnsworth Abel Simonds Robert L Friar Clark Simonds Alonzo P. Goodridge Cyrus Thurston Asher Green Nathan Tolman Leonard B. Hartwell Joseph Upton Jr. Samuel Hawes Arnold Wilson John M. Harris Sami. A. Wheeler John L. Joslin Isaac B. Woodward David Lowe Tyler Younglove Daniel Messenger

Fitchburg May 3d 1847.

Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Levi Downe Josiah Sheldon

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Militia Roll

List of Names of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg who are liable to be enrolled in the Militia of the State of Massachusetts.

Lindsley Adams George L. Adams John Auld Lucius Aldrich Julius C. Aldrich Rufus Anderson

Benjamin Arnold Edward Atkinson Sewall F. Adams Hosea B. Aldrich Charles Arnold Benjamin Arnold William Atherton John L. Atherton Abel F. Adams Daniel Andrews Alonzo Andrews Leander Andrews Artemas F. Andrews Henry Ames Ira Aldrich Iosiah Bacon Ísaac T. Babbit Ithiel S. Bailey Abbot Bartlett Samuel Barnes Rufus Barrett David Battles Nathan L Battles Samuel Battles Charles Battles Calvin Battles Byron E. Bartlett Ransalier Bacon John Ball G. F. Bailey Joseph C. Barrus Charles D. Barrett Murray A. Bartlett David Bates Joseph Baldwin I. Foster Beal Alonzo D Bigelow Charles Billings Silas P. Billings Luther Blanchard Josiah W. Boutelle Jacob Brown Elisha Brown Amos Brown Jr. Hubbard H. Brigham C. F. Burnap Stillman Burnap

Wilder Butters Jerome Beal Joseph Bemis Job S. Bigelow Elisha N. Bigelow Levi Bishop Dennis Blood Daniel Blood William E. Bliss Levi M. Blanchard George H. Boss Daniel C. Bowker Cyrel Bowker Horace S. Bowman Alfred Bridges A. C. Brown David C Brick Lowell Burgess Daniel W. Boss John Boutelle Leander Boutelle Samuel Carter Josiah Chapin Almanza Carter Joseph Brooks Levi Bennett Benjn. H. Conant George Boynton David Briggs Walter Conant Wm. Barnes Porter Barton Jesse F. Churchill Thomas Beal Charles J. Billings Samuel Blake Joseph Blanchard Thomas S. Blood Bellarman Betton E. S. Bowditch Josiah D. Brown S. O. Brown Jerome S. Brick C- A. Bullock James Burditt Alden Butrick Orvas Campt

Josiah Chase Alden P. Churchill John Clark William Coughlin Martin Coughlin James M. Collier N. P. Colburn William W. Comee James M. Comee Leander P. Comee Addison A. Crawford H. C. Crchore Timothy Crowley Charles Crosby

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David Davidson Moses Downer Wm. F Durant Israel N. Carter Elijah S. Carter Alonzo O Carter John Carr Josiah W. Caswell Samuel M. Caswell David Caulkins Charles Collins Ira E. Cutler James Cutler Solon Chaplin R. R. Clemence Franklin Colburn Smith Colburn Henry Conant Samuel A. Corser George A. Corser Nat Cowdin 2^d Samuel L. Cowdin Lysander Cowdry Grable D. Cruise Chandler Crocker Charles P. Crossman E. W. Cutter Perry Cushing Joseph Cushing Addison W. Damon John Davis Otis Davis Joseph Davenport Josiah H. Davis Benjn, J. Day Abel Derby George W. Dewitt

Fitch Down Wm. B. S. Drew David Danforth John Daisey Daniel Danforth Lafayette Davis Charles Davis Andrew J. Dean Charles P. Dean James H. Dean David H. Eager Oliver K. Eaton John Eaton John Erwin Henry Easson Abel Eaton Amos Eaton William H. Eaton Daniel Emory Eliakim Estabrook Franklin Eaton William C. Ellick George Emory James H. Estus Josiah W. Emerson Charles A. Fairbanks Dexter Farwell Alson H. Farwell Gardner Farrar Levi Farwell Wm. B. Flagg Philander S. Fletcher Asa T. Farwell George Foyster Robert L. Friar George W. Fuller Stearns A. Fitts

George A. Fitts Edwin B. Fletcher J. W. Flagg Dewit C. Fisher Francis B. Fisher Charles S. Farrer Alonzo Fairbanks Ransalier Farnum Thomas T. Farwell Henry G. Farnsworth Thomas Ferris Levi Fessenden Daniel Fish Thomas P. Flint Charles M. Foster Gilman S. Frost Barnard Fuller E. N. Fuller Samuel Farwell Salathiel W. Farmer Jabez Flint Arthur Forrester Charles Fullum Aaron Gates Erbin Gibson

Arrington Gibson 3d Joseph Gibson I. Kinsman Gibson Lemuel W. Gibson Reuben Gibson Henry H. Gibson Nathaniel Gookin James Gardner George Gates Lyman I. Gibson George Goddard John W. Griswell George Green Charles Gerry William Gibbs Jesse Gibbs Sanford Giles Charles B. Griffin Ira T. Gleason John Goodridge Alonzo P. Goodridge John Goodwin Ralph S. Gordon Roswell Graham

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Solomon Gilpatrick
Henry Grimes
Charles M. Hager
George W. Hager
Wm H. Hale
Seth B. Hall
Levi Harris
Gordes D. Harris
Caleb Harding
Wm. H. Hayes
Ebenezer Hayward
John S. Hawkins
Calvin Hewitt
Andrew Henry
Jason Hill
Joseph Hitchcock
Steven Holman
John Holmes
Thomas E. Hall

Silas Hosmer Augustus C. Houghton Albert G. Houghton William B. Howe Leonard Howland Nathaniel Hoyt Henry P. Haven Edwin Jackson George Snow Henry A. Hale William B. Harris Levi Harris Jr. Nathan Haskins John Hastings Horace Hayward Ebenezer C. Hayden William Hazlett Charles W. Holt Franklin Holland

Peter B. Howard I. E. Hunt James D. Hutchinson Samuel Hale 2d Zephiniah Hammond Willard Harris John M. Harris George Harris James Hartwell Leonard Hartwell John Hartwell Edwin Hartwell Henry W. Haskell Almer C. Hilton Richard Hill Stephen Hicks John Holman Phillip Howe Addison Hubbard Henry E. Hutchinson Anson Humphrey Rufus M. Huntley Abram Jaquith Isaac P. Jaquith David Jaquith Charles Johnson William Jaseph Stilman Jackson John P. Jaquith John L Joslin William Jewett Henry F. Kenney Charles M. Kent John Killgore William Kilgore Franklin Kilburn Jeremiah Kinsman Jr Timothy W. Kinsman John J. King Peter King Lorin J. Laird

George E. Lane Luther Lakin Lemuel Lakin Joseph Leavett Dane G. Lillis George W. Lillis James D Litchfield Rufus Litchfield Edward Locke Samuel Lovering Samuel M. Loveland Frederick A. Kendall Michael Killian John Kilburn Hiram Knapp Alonzo W. Laughton James W. Leverett William M. Leath Charles Livermore Abel Manning Henry Martin William Marshall Benjamin Marshall Joseph Marshall David P. Maynard Samuel Marble Almer Mason Wm. H. Mention Charles Merriam Wm. I Merriam W^{m.} S. Merritt Daniel Messenger 2nd Iacob Miller Wm B. Moore Curtis Graves Calvin Lowe Charles Titeomb Nathan O. Prescott Joseph Worcester Thomas T. Hale,

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Steven N. Tolman Edwin Works Amos Sheldon Abel Long Joseph G. Searle Alfred Mc.Intire Danforth K. Lathrop Gilbert Curtis

Lucius Tenney James A. Holden George Whitcomb George Stimpson Samuel Hewitt George Whitney Frederic Haskel Alonzo P Williams Edwin Howard Wm. Tyler Mason Harris Lorin Kendall Charles Kinsman Lorenzo Kinsman Edwin Lamb Joseph Lamb Uriah Lawrence Freeborn Lawrence Charles H. Lawrence Amos Lewis Emerson Lewis John Lowe Samuel H. Lowe John Lusk John Lynch Abel Marshall Luther Maynard Francis Mc.Dowel Franklin Mc.Intire Levi Mc.Intire Steven Mc,Intire Lyman Mc.Intire Horace P. Messenger Daniel Messenger Austin Mossman Isaiah Mc.Intire Harvey Mack George R Mansfield Joel Marshall Henry Maynard Joseph Maynard John Mc.Carty Milton Merriam Hiram K. Messenger William Miles Edward Murdock John F. Murdock Amasa Norcross

William A. Nourse Daniel L. Noyes Josiah Norcross William Obrine James Obrine Wm. H. Orcott Abel Orsborn David B. Ordway Edwin Johnson Ransalier Wright Jackson Marble John Wood Roland Rice George Snow Aldrich Hinds Joel Packard Albert G. Page Enoch Page Joel Page Jr. Thomas Page Luther Parker James Perham William B. Phelps Franklin Philips Joseph Polley James Putnam David Parker Asa Partridge Oren Partridge Alonzo Phelps Leander G. Pierce Albert T. Pierce William Pride Elisha B. Reed Hale W. Page Warren Parkhurst David M. Parker Otis Parmeter Moses Perkins Jr. Abum Perrum Edward Pool Silas Pratt Barney Pratt Levi L. Pratt John Putnam Salmun W. Putuam George E. Putnam Asa Putney

Calvin Pierce William Randall William F. Reeve David Richardson Harvey Rideout Silas Rice Leonard Rice Ira Ricker

Isaac Ripley Elias F. Ripley George Robbins Samuel Roberts Charles Russel Joseph Roby Horace Rice Augustus Rice

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Augustus M. Rice - Riley Wm. H. Rockwood Reuben Rugg Solomon Ruggles Charles H. Raymond Eli W. Raymond John Reed Silas Rice Otis Rider Henry O Rockwell Dwight Sackett Benjamin Safford Roby R. Safford Joseph T. Scott Samuel Shattuck Micah Shattuck Jr. David A Smith Samuel B. Smith John Smith Jotham S. Smith Charles H. B. Snow Clark Simonds Lorenzo Stearns John Stickney George O. Stickney John C. Stimpson Avery Stockwell Lorriston Stockwell Abion Smith Augustus Sawyer James D. Searly Charles R. Shattuck Henry Scism John P. Sheldon Sanborn L. Sheldon Allen Smith

Lorenzo Smith H. W. Smith Benjⁿ Snow Jr. Z. P. Spaulding Leonard Stark Abel Stevens Orvill Stiles James F. Stiles George M. Stearns Moses Story Horace Taft Sami W. Tileston Waterman Tuttle William Turner John M Twitchell John P. Sabin William Sampson Theodore L Sanderson Leonard C. Sandburn Charles F. Sawtell Henry E. Sawyer Levi Sawin Wm. H. Saul Gilbert Sheldon Francis D. Sheldon Samuel D Sheldon Reuben Smith 2d Leonard Smith Rufus P. Smith Lorin Smith John Smith 2nd Edward T. Smith Reuben Smith William Stevenson George Stimpson L. H. Stockwell Jones Stone

Warren F. Stone Charles Sylvester William Ř Taylor Edwin S. Taylor Richard H. Torrey Darius Tucker Horatio Tuttbrill Hartwell C. Twitchel Seth I. Twitchel Timothy Underwood James S. Vanderford Daniel Taylor William E Taylor Henry Town Charles Upton Waldo Wallace Volney B. Wait Samuel Ware Israel Wetherbee Jr. Alfred M. Wheeler James B. Wheeler Lorin Wheeler James Whittimore Simon Whitney

Silas Winchester Winchester Wyman Richard O. Wise William Young Samuel Walton Charles H. Walcot Thornton K. Ware Henry Warren William Welch John Welch James Welch Luke Wellington Philip M. Wheeler David C. Whiteomb J. Andrew Whitcomb William White Luther J. Whitcomb Oren Wilson Josiah B Willard Joseph Willard John Wilkins Charles N. Wilson Albert N. Winchester Isaac D. Wiswell

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Levi Farwell
Goodwin Wood
Elliot Wood
Joseph Wood
Hiram Wood
James Walker
Daniel F. Ward
Horace Weld
Benjn S. Weld
John Weld
Benjn. W. West
Almond Wheeler
Charles S. West
Jonathan Whitman
Alfred Whittimore

George A. White Franklin Willard William Winch Elisha Withington Stephen F. Woodsum Cyrus Wood Selim Worcester Jabez Wright A. C. Wright Charles Willard James Willard James Willard Ira Younglove Joseph Ware Zenophan Adams John H. Wheeler

Fitchburg May 28th 1847. Abel Thurston Assessors
John L. Joslin of
Whole Nomber enrolled 629. Justin Stearnes Fitchburg
Returned to Adjutant General
June 1847.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Measurer of Wood & Bark.

Appointment. Measurer of Wood and Bark Appointed by Selectmen The Selectmen of Fitchburg at a Meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint William Sandin to be Measurer of Wood and Bark in sd town.

> Abel Thurston.) Fitchburg Oct. 30th 1847. Abel F. Adams. John Coldwell. Fitchburg Levi Downe.

> 1847. November 12th personally appeared William Sandin and took the Oath required of a Measurer of Wood and Bark before me

> > I. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[460] 1847. October 23. Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting October 23. 1847.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Saturday the Twenty third day of October instant at one o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:-

1st.

To choose a Moderator.

2d.

To see if the Town will discontinue any part of the Road called High Street.

3rd.

To see if the Town will accept of a New Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Stephen McIntire and others commencing on the County Road leading to Ashby and ending at the Road leading by said McIntire's or act any thing thereon.

4th

To see if the Town will accept of an alteration of the location as laid out by their Selectmen of the new Road recently voted by the town commencing near the Cotton Mill of Ivers Phillips and ending at the County Road leading to Westminster as petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will accept of three separate 5th. Roads laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Brick School house in Shool District No. 1. (Old City) two of the same ending on Summer St. and one ending on Blossom St. as petitioned for by James L. Haynes and others or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will sell, convey, or release to David Boutelle any portion of the land deeded by the

said Boutelle to the Town for passage

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ways leading from the new Brick School House to Summer Street or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will choose a Committee to name such Streets in the village as are not now named and such as may be accepted by the Town hereafter, or act anything thereon.

To see if the Town will procure a Safe for the use of said town.

To see what action the Town will take on an Order from the County Commissioners to build a new Road commencing near the house of Stillman Burnap and ending at Ashby line.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty Seven.

Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams | Selectmen John Caldwell Fitchburg. Levi Downe Iosiah Sheldon

Worcester. fs. October 16.th 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same on each of the public meetinghouses in the town of Fitchburg Seven days at least before the time of holding the within named meeting. Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Hall Fitchburg October 23, 1847, at 1. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant Recorded in this Book Page 460, the meeting was opened by reading Said Warrant, and acting on the first Article by

Article 1st. Article 2d. Article 3d.

Rejected

Article 4th

Alteration of Road in Rockville Choosing William Carleton Moderator.

Past over the 2d Article.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out Road by Jesse McInt. by by them on petition of Stephen McIntire and Others was read and rejected by passing the Article over.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Ivers Phillips and others (it being an alteration of a former location) was here read to the Town and on vote was accepted. See Page 446

The following is the Report.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows Beginning on the southerly side of the Road leading by the house of Charles Russell one foot north of the north west corner of a building now occupied as a Store near the Factory pond of Ivers Phillips, thence South 461/49 West six Rods and four links partly on a Town way, partly on the former location of said Road and partly on land of Ivers Phillips to a point one foot west of the Northwest corner of a Storehouse by the Factory of said Phillips, Thence South 231/2 West five Rods and nineteen links partly on the former location and partly on land of Ivers Phillips to land of Charles Russell, thence

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same course eight rods and Six links to a stake and Stones, Thence South 163/4° West five Rods to a stake and Stones, thence South 5° west fifteen and a half Rods to a stake and Stones, thence South 129 East five and a half Rods to a stake and Stones thence South 30° East five Rods and three links to a Stake and Stones, thence South 48° East seven Rods to a pine Stump on the Easterly side of the former location of said Road, the last six lines are partly on said former location and partly on land of Charles Russell to be two and a half Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course. And we have appraised the damages to owners of the land over which said way passes as follows: to Charles Russell the Sum of Seven dollars, and the said Ivers Phillips releases all damage for laying said way through his land, Which Said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way. Dated at Fitchburg this 15th day of October 1847.

Abel Thurston. Abel F. Adams, Selectmen John Caldwell. of Fitchburg Levi Downe. losiah Sheldon.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 5th

The Report of the Roads laid out by Old City School house was here read to the town and on vote being taken on the first described Road it was rejected whereupon the article by vote was passed over. 6.7. & S. Also the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Articles were passed over

Articles

Art 9.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out and Superintend the making of the Road referred to in the 9. Article chose Josiah Sheldon, Ivers Phillips Samuel Shattuck Committee

All the articles in the warrant having been disposed of the Meeting was by vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[464] 1847. November 8. Warrant Warrant for Town Meeting November 8.th 1847.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in Fitchburg, on Monday the eighth day of November next, it being the second Monday of said month, at nine of the clock, in the fore-noon, to bring in their votes, to the Selectmen, for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County, for the year ensuing.

To Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven

Abel Thurston Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Levi Downe Josiah Sheldon

Worcester fs. Oct. 25, 1847.

I this day serve the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same on each of the public meeting-houses in the town of Fitchburg fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1847. November 8th Town Hall Fitchburg November 8, 1847, at 9,							
		Pursuant to the War					
	the preceding page the meeting was opened as above						
	by Reading the Warrant, Selectmen presiding Votes						
	were Reed, for Governor, Lt Governor, Senators, and						
Representative at the same time and were as follows.							
	Check List used as the Law directs.						
Governor	For Governor.	Whole Number of V	otes	637.			
		George N. Briggs	had	274.			
		Caleb Cushing	6.6	162.			
		Francis Baylies	"	65.			
		Samuel E. Sewell	6.6	136.			
Lt. Governor For Lieutunant Governor. Whole Number of Votes 637.							
		John Reed	had	274.			
		Henry W. Cushman	6.6	162.			
		Charles W. Moore	6.6	65.			
		John M. Brewster		136.			
Senators	For Senators.	Whole number of V	otes	636.			
		Nathan F Bryant	had	274.			
		George Denny	6.6	274.			
		Alfred D. Foster	6.6	274.			
		Alanson Hamilton	6.6	273.			
		John Brooks	6.6	267.			
		Otis Adams	6.6	161.			
		Francis Howe	6.6	161.			
		Ivers Phillips	6.6	161.			
		Seth Hapgood	6.6	161.			
		Arnold Taft	66	161.			
		James G. Carter	"	136.			
		Thomas W. Ward	"	136.			
		Charles Adams Jr	"	136.			
		Gilman Jones		136.			
		Edward B. Bigelow	44	136.			
		William Sigourney		65.			
		Elias M. Stillwell	"	65.			
		Samuel Harrington	"	65. 65.			
		Nathan Waters	6.6	65.			
		John F Gleason	6.6	1.			
		Ebenezer Torrey		1.			

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1847. November 8.	For Representative to General Court						
Representa-	First Ballot. Whole number of Votes 492.						
Seneral Sourt			I	or choi	se 247		
Jourt		Nathaniel Wood	had	159.			
		Joseph Upton Jr	4.6	152.			
		John Caldwell	4.4	117.			
		Josiah Sheldon	4.6	60.			
		Goodwin Wood	6.6	2.			
		Edwin Upton	6.6	1.			
	No choise.	Abel F. Adams	4.4	1.			
	Second Ballot.	Whole number of Votes 493. For ch 247.					
		Nathaniel Wood	4.4	179.			
		Joseph Upton Jr	4.6	147.			
		John Caldwell	6.6	117.			
	No choise.	Josiah Sheldon	6.6	50.			
	Third Ballot.	Whole number of Votes 470. For choise 236.					
		Nathaniel Wood	had	192.			
		Joseph Upton Jr	6.6	122.			
		John Caldwell	6.6	126.			
		Josiah Sheldon	4.4	28.			
		J.					

After the third Ballot for Representative the Town Voted not to ballot again at this meeting.

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John T. Farwell

Abel F. Adams

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to call a town meeting on the forth Monday of this month for the purpose of choosing a Representative

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting November 22, 1847 [467]

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the November 22. Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting.-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in

Warrant.

No choise.

Fitchburg, on Monday, the twenty second day of November, instant, it being the fourth Monday of said month, at One O'clock, in the after noon, to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court, to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves

at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of November, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston. Selectmen

Abel Thurston. Abel F. Adams. John Coldwell. Levi Downe.

Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester, fs. Nov. 13. 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same on each of the public Meeting-houses in the town of Fitchburg, seven days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Meeting.

Town Meeting November 22. 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 22, 1847, at 1. O'clock P. M. A Town meeting was opened at the above time and place Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on the next preceding page. Selectmen presiding, Check list used as the law directs, Votes were given in sorted, counted and declared for a Representative as follows.

Representative to the General Court. First Ballot.

For Representative. Whole Number of Votes 450.

Necessary for a choise 226.

Nathaniel Wood had 210.

Ioseph Upton Ir. " 119.

John Caldwell	4.6	117.
Isaiah Putnam	4.4	1.
Abel F. Adams	6.6	1.
Levi Downe	6.6	1.
Iosiah Sheldon	6.6	1.

There being no choise on the first ballot it was moved not to send a Representative which motion did not prevail. Whereupon the town by vote proceeded to a Second Ballot.

For Representative. Whole Number of Votes 421.

Necessary to a choise 211.

Nathaniel Wood had 224.

John Coldwell " 106.

Joseph Upton Jr " 88.

Isaiah Putnam " 1.

Lori Downes " 1

Levi Downe " 1. Abel F. Adams " 1.

Abel F. Adams " 1.
Honourable Nathaniel Wood was chosen to rep-

resent this Town in the next General Court.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[469] 1848. March 6. Warrant.

Chosen

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Warrant for March Meeting the 6.th day 1848.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st

To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2d Art. 3d

To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, or act anything respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper. Art. 9.

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Art. 4th. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose for the ensuing year

Art. 5. To hear the report of their committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their workhouse and poor establishment, the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their High-ways, Town-ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c., on said roads.

Art. 7. To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. s. To hear the report of their School Committee for the past year.

To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the schools; and act anything in regard to the expending and division of the same, they may think proper.

Art. 10. To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act anything in regard to School Houses they think proper.

To see if the Town will purchase a piece of land and build a School House in District No. 1; and enlarge or rebuild

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the School House in District No. 3, and act anything in regard to building, purchasing or repairing School Houses in town the year ensuing, they think proper.

Article 12. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Article 13,

To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells for town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

Article 14.

To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine, from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town, for the year ensuing.

Article 16.

To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House, the year ensuing, and act anything thereon they may think proper.

Article 17.

To see if the town will authorize theirs Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the town.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will build a New Engine House for Engine No. 2, and provide a lot for the same, and dispose of the old Engine House and lot, and act any thing in regard to said House and lot they think proper.

Article 20.

To see if the Town will build Reservoirs for water, to be used in case of fire, in different parts of the Centre Village, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Article 21.

To adopt such measures as they think proper, to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Article 22.

To see if the Town will accept of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen—petitioned for by Alpheus Boutell and others, and act anything thereon they think proper.

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To see if the Town will accept of a Road, as laid out by their selectmen, as petitioned for by Job S. Bigelow and others, and act anything thereon they think proper.

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Art. 24.

To see if the Town will accept of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen-petitioned for by Phineas S. Kimball and others, or act anything thereon,

Art. 25.

To see if the town will discontinue a town way. commencing near the house of Joseph Scott, and ending at the road leading by Ebenezer Hutchinson's, near the house of Arthur Forister. Also a short piece of road leading from the same to the house of Farwell Nichols, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26.

To see if the Town will discontinue any part of High street road, and act thereon as they think proper.

Art 27.

To see if the Town will abate the tax set to the Universalist Society—or tax set to any other persons on the tax bill of 1847, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 28.

To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to cut down the hills on the highway, leading from the Poor Farm to the old turnpike, or act anything thereon.

Art. 29.

To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to defend the town, in a suit commenced by Silas Pratt against the town or act anything thereon.

Art. 30.

To hear the report of a Committee chosen to prepare a code of by-laws for the town, and the report of another Committee chosen at former meetings of the town, and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand

eight hundred and forty-eight.

Abel Thurston) Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Levi Downe Iosiah Sheldon

Selectmen Fitchburg [472] $_{1848}$

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Worcester fs. Feb. 21st 1848.

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same on each of the public meeting houses in the town of Fitchburg fourteen days before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley—Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

March Meeting. 1848 Town Meeting March 6. 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 6. 1848 at 9. O'clock A. M. March meeting was opened as above pursuant to the Warrant recorded in this book from Page 469. to 472. the warrant being read by the Clerk the meeting organized by Choosing Ivers Phillips Esqr Moderator.

Moderator.

Prayer by Revr Mr Trask.

Check list used in Election of Selectmen and Town Clerk as the law directs.

Article 1. Town Clerk,

Chose, s. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk, who was sworn in open Town meeting by Ivers Phillips Esq the Moderator.

Oaths.

N. B. I hereby certify that I will prefix the letter s. to all names of persons elected to office of whome an Oath is by law required and who shall take the Oath required, before me in Open Town meeting on the day of their election and if sworn on any subsequent day I will prefix the day and Month on which each was sworn respectively, and also all officers appointed by the Selectmen during the year shall have the same prefix when sworn.

I. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[473] 1848. March 6. Article 1. Selectmen. March Meeting 1848.

For Selectmen. Chose

- s. John Caldwell.
- s. Abel F. Adams.
- s. Isaac B. Woodard.
- s. Edwin Upton.
- s. Stephen Shepley.

Assessors. For Assessors. Chose

s. Abel Thurston.

s. Justin Stearns.

s. John L. Joslin.

Overseers of Poor. For Overseers of Poor. Chose Ivers Phillips.

> John Caldwell. Abel F. Adams.

Treasurer. For Town Treasurer Chose

s. Ebenezer Torrey.

Constables. For Constables Chose

s. Kilburn Harwood. Timothy S. Wilson.

s. Ivers Phillips.

s. Stephen Shepley.

s. John Caldwell. Samuel M. Dole.

March 11. s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Aaron F. Beaman.

s. David F. McIntire.

s. Edwin Upton.

s. David H. Merriam.

s. Joel Davis.

Committee to Nominate J. A. Marshall Abel Thurston and Abel F. Adams a Committee to nominate a list of persons to be supported as school Committee & report at adjournment.

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[474] 1848. Article 2. County Treasurer. 160 Votes.

The votes for County Treasurer were reed, sorted, Counted, and declared as follows.

The whole number of votes cast was 160, all of which were for Anthany Chase.

Adjourned from 12. to 1. For Dinner.

At 12. O'clock the meeting adjourned for one hour At 1. O'clock P. M. the meeting was again opened.

Article 1. Fence Viewers. For Fence Viewers Chose

s. Isaac B. Woodard.

s. Joseph Upton.

s. Abel Marshall.

s. Samuel Hawes.

s. Loring Wheeler.

Field Drivers. For Field Drivers Chose

Willard Harris.

- s. Edward Aldrich.
- s. Stephen McIntire.
- s. Alden P. Churchill. Daniel Virgil.

Surveyors of Lumber. For Surveyors of Lumber Chose

- s. Abijah Hartwell.
- s. Tylor Younglove.
- s. Edwin Upton. Arnold Wilson.

Scalers of Leather.

Pound

Keeper.

For Sealers of Leather Chose

- s. Charles Sawtelle.
- s. John Caldwell.

For Pound Keeper Chose

Silas Hosmer.

Voted not to choose Tything Men.

[475] 1848. March 6. Fire Wards.

For Fire Wards Chose.

For Fire Wards Chose.

Alpheus Kimball.

Jonas A. Marshall.

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Josiah Sheldon.

John Prichard. Ebenezer Torrey.

Robert L. Frair.

John Coldwell.

Ivers Phillips.

Abel Simonds.

Alvah Crocker

Amos Durant.

John H. Wheeler.

Timothy S. Wilson

Charles Sawtell.

David F. McIntire.

Chedorlaomer Marshall.

David Bowtelle. John Clark.

Measurers of Wood and Bark to be appointed by Selectmen.

Cullers of Hoops and For Cullers of Hoops & Staves Chose

s. Iesse Batchellor.

s. Jeremiah Kinsman Ir.

Highway Surveyors put over to adjournment Selectmen to report a list to be chosen.

Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Article 3. Taxes the year ensuing, the 2d part of the third Article posponed for the present.

The Committee chosen at the last March meeting Article 4th to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the

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Accants of the Selectmen here made their Report Report on which was Read & Accepted whereby it appears that Town Debt. \$20,846.57. the balance against the Town is the sum of

> \$20.846.57. For Committee to settle with Treasurer and inspect the Acpts of Selectmen and Assessors for the

year ensuing Chose David Boutelle. William Carleton. Abel Simonds.

The fifth Article past to adjournment. Article 5. Article 6.

For the Support of Highways and Bridges to be laid out as last year as to price of labour &c Raised Three Thousand Dollars.

Voted that the Selectmen be bridge Committee for the year ensuing.

Passed the eighth Article to Adjournment.

For the Support of Schools as mentioned in this ninth Article of Warrant the Town voted to Raise Twenty Four Hundred Dollars to be divided One hundred Dollars to each District as last year and the remainder and the money received from State School Fund to be divided by a Committee of five-For said Committee Chose

> David Boutelle. Isaac B. Woodard. Isaiah Putnam. Ivers Phillips. Nathaniel Wood.

Committee. Article 8. Article 9 \$2400. for Schools

Committee to divide School Money.

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Committee Off Treasurey,

Highways 8z Bridges. \$3000. Article 7. Bridge

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Article 10. School Houses to Keep in Repair.

Article 11. School Houses for Districts Nos 1. & 3. March Meeting 1848.

Voted that the School Committee take charge of the Several School Houses in town and keep the same in repair the year ensuing

Voted that the whole Subject mater of the eleventh Article be refered to a committee and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting Chose for said Committee

> Ivers Phillips. Abel F. Adams. Chedorlaomer Marshall. Ebenezer Torrey. Abel Thurston.

Articl 12. Town Charges \$13,000.

Voted to Raise for necessary Town Charges the year ensuing the Sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13.000.)

Article, 3.

Taxes to Collect at 2. pr. cent. Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out to

the lowest bidder on the same conditions as last year and they were taken by Isaac B. Woodard at two dollars on the hundred Dollars-Mr Woodard offered for the towns acceptance David Boutelle and William Carleton as his bondsmen who were accepted by the town—whereupon the Town Chose (s.) Isaae B. Woodard Collector.

Collector. Article 13

Article 1.

The Ringing of Bell and Care of Town Clock re-Bell & Clock. fered to Selectmen.

Article 14 Horses &c Restrained.

Voted that horses neat cattle & Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Art 15 Treasurer to borrow Money. Art. 16. Town House.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to hire money for the use of the town the year ensuing.

Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Art. 17. Poor Farm.

Voted to authorize the Overseers to contract with some suitable person to take charge of Poor Farm for one or more years.

Art. 18.

Voted to choose a committee to take charge of and keep in repair all the Engines, Houses, for the same and all fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

[478] 1848. Engine Com March Meeting 1848.

For Engine Committee Chose Abijah Hartwell.

John Caldwell.

Abram S. Dole. Alpheus Kimball.

Article 19.
Engine Honse
No. 2.
Article 20.
Reservoirs.

The subject of the nineteenth Ar. refered to Engine committee to report at adjournment.

This article the Subject of building Reservoirs for water &c was refered to the above committee to consider and report thereon at adjournment.

Article 21. Liense Violation.

Art 22.

rejected.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to prosecute any violation of the License Law which may come to their knowledge at the expense of the Towne

Report on Petition of Alpheus Boutelle and others for a Road was read and on vote was rejected by passing over the Article.

Article 23, Road on petition of Job S. Bigelow. Voted that the Road petitioned for by Jobe S. Bigelow and others be accepted when the same shall be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen I shall not record this location until notice shall be given that the Selectmen have accepted said Road.

Art 24 Road by Phineas S Kimballs Road Report on petition of Phineas S. Kimball read and on account of Mr Daniel Tuttle being Sick the subject was by consent of the petitioner pospond to adjournment

Art 25. Scott Road.

Scott Road—This the twenty fifth Article was refered to Selectmen to report thereon at some future meeting.

Article 26. High St. Voted to discontinue that part of High Street which lies East of the location Accepted May 15. 1847.

[479] 1848. Article 27 Taxes Abated. March Meeting 1848.

The Town voted to abate the following Taxes viz Tax set to Universalist Society 1847 Tax Bill in part Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

Andrew J. Twitchell's Tax

Andrew P. Conant Tax on Mill & privilege Mrs Hudsons Tax and

Samuel Putnams Tax all on Tax bill of 1847. Voted to pass over the twenty eighth Article.

Art 28

Art 29. Agent to Defend ag Silas Pratt. Voted to choose an Agent to defend against the suit of Silas Pratt vs Town of Fitchburg Chose William Carleton Agent.

Art 30

Article 30 put over to adjourment.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 1. o'clock P. M. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting April 3, 1848

Town Hall Fitchburg April 3^d 1848, at 1, o'clock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the March meeting was opened by the moderator

For Highway Surveyors Chose the following persons viz June 21. s. Samuel A. Wheeler.

Article 1. High-Way Surveyors

June 29. s. David D. McIntire.

s. Charles Farbanks.

s. Nathan Upham.

June 21. s. Edward Smith.

s. Alpheus Boutelle.

June 29. s. Abel Kenney.

s. Farwell Nichols.

s. James L. Haynes.

June 19. s. John Smith.

(Left Town)—Joseph Gibson.
May 18, s. Sabin Woodbury.

June 19. s. Joel Page Jr.

June 24. s. James Parkhurst.

June 8. s. Josiah Caswell.

s. Samuel Sheldon.

s. Emmons Stockwell.

s. William Bemis.

s. John Andrews.

s. Jonathan Whitman.

s. Natt. Cowdin.

s. Joseph Upton Jr. s. Samuel S. Crocker.

June 22. s. Charles H. Lawrence.

June 22. s. Alpheus Kimball.

June 30. s. James McIntire.

April 20. s. Daniel Lowe.

s. David Boutelle.

s. Levi Downe.

May 10. s. Samuel M. Dole.

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For School Committee Chose Ivers Phillips.
Milton Whitney.

John L. Chandler. Thornton K. Ware. Asa Farwell.

Article 5th. The Committee to ascertain the expense of Our Expenses for Poor House for the past year here made their Report which was read & accepted. Whole expense of Poor for the year \$1262.84.

On Farm \$797.53. Away from Farm \$465.31.

Chose for Committee for the year ensuing to ason Poor Farm &c. certain the expenses of the Poor Establishment

Abel Stevens.
William Carleton.
Levi Downe. Committee

Article 8. School Com. Report.

Article 11. School

Houses in Districts Nos 1. & 3. &c

The Report of School Committee was here presented to the Town which was printed and ready for distribution so the Town voted to dispense with the reading of said Report.

The following Report on the subject of the 11.th Article was here read to the Town.

Report.

We the subscribers a Committee to whome was refered the whole subject matter of the Eleventh Article in the Warrant for the annual March meeting for the year 1848, have attended to that duty and now offer the following Report.

We learne from statistics prepared by the School Committee that there were on the first day of last May 1045, children in town between the ages of 4, and 16, & that 632, of them resided in District No 1. We have also ascertained that ten hundred and twenty two scholars of all ages attended school in town last winter that

[481] April 3. 1848. March Meeting Adjournment April 3. 1848. five hundred and ninty three of them belonged to & attended school in District No 1. and that about one hundred schollars in said District of a proper age to go to school & who did go to private schools did not attend the common School and it is presumed the principal reason was they could not be accommodated there. We have also ascertained that about \$1800 have been paid during the last year for private tuition in this district, a small portion of it by Scholars from other towns. It appears from the above statements that about two thirds of all the scholars in town between the ages of 4. & 16. belong to this District & that there are seven hundred scholars who have a right to be accommodated in this District with suitable rooms in which to attend school. There are now in the District seven School Rooms, one to one hundred scholars (or reckoning sixty scholars to a school) enough to accommodate four hundred and twenty scholars. From this statement of facts it appears to be absolutely necessary that the Town should provide more School Rooms for the use of this District. We have examined "the Academy" lot and building and ascertained that the estate can probably be bought for \$2200. We think the location a good one for a school House & that it is this part of the District where one is most needed. There is more land than would be needed but it is saleable—the building needs some repairs and alterations. We think if the estate can be bought for \$2200, land enough may be sold off to amount to a sum sufficient to pay for puting this house in good condition for schools & still have land left sufficient to build another School house upon when it becomes necessary to do so-We there fore recommend to the Town to choose a committee & authorise them to purchase said estate (if it can be had for that sum) receive a Deed for the same & also

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Authorise to sell such parts as are not needed for school purposes & give Deeds of & receive pay for the same & put the house in proper condition to be occupied for District schools.

District

In District No. 3. the House is not large enough for the school; but as the contemplated Fitchburg & Worcester Rail Road may pass so near the present School House as to render the present location an unsuitable one: We recommend to the town to take no farther action concearning a School House in that District until something more definite is ascertained about the location of said Rail Road.

Ivers Phillips
E. Torrey
Abel F. Adams
Abel Thurston
C. Marshall

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted to accept the above Report and adopt the recommendations therein contained,

Chose for a Committee to cary the same into effect Ebenezer Torrey.

David Boutelle.

Chedorlaomer Marshall.
John Prichard.

Justin Stearns.

Art 19.

The committee on the subject of this Article the 19. of the Warrant made the following

Engine House No 2. Old City.

Report—Your Committee recommend that the town build a new Engine House and that they choose a Committee with full power to sell the Old house and lot provided they can sell the same and purchase

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a new lot. if not to build a house on the same to conform with the lot which the Town now own.

A. Hartwell.
Alpheus Kimball.
John Caldwell.
Abram S. Dole.

Committee

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The above Report having been read it was voted Committee to build Engine house to accept it and adopt the recommendations of the No 2. report Voted that

Abijah Hartwell Alpheus Kimball Abram S. Dole be a com-

mittee to carry into effect the above Report

The Report of the Committee on the subject of this article (Reservoirs) was read and on vote rejected and the Article past over by vote.

Passed over.

The Selectmen made a Report on the subject of the 25 Article and in favour of discontinuing the whole of said Road whereupon the Town voted to discontinue the Ould Road from the House of Joseph T. Scott to where it is intersected by the Road leading from the house of Farwell Nicholds to said Scott Road. (See Book 9, Page 14, where the remainder was Discontinued to the road leading to Ebenzer Hutchinson April 1, 1850-J. A. M. T. Clerk)

Ivers Phillips here declined or requested to be excused from serving as an Overseer of the Poor and on voted he was excused wereupon the town voted and Chose Hon Joseph W. Mansur in pace of Ivers Phillips Esq excused as an overseer of poor.

Votd to recommend to the Assessors to apply the extry five hundred Dollars raised for Highways on the Road from Leominster to Westminster through the Village and by the house of Samuel S. Crocker.

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3d 1848

Woreester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections

Art 24

Article 20

Art 25. Scott Road Discontinued in part See Book 9 Page 14.

Art 1. Overseer of Poor.

Art 6. \$500. on Road from Leominster Westminster

Dissolved

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and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday the third day of April next, at three O'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:-

1st 2d

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To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

To see if the Town will empower their Highway Surveyors to collect all such Taxes as shall not be paid in labour or otherwise, or act any thing there-

on they may think proper.

To see if the Town will appropriate any part of the School money already raised, as petitioned for by Samuel S. Crocker and others, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

J. f. h

To see if the Town will appropriate any sum or sums of Money for building or repairing Sidewalks in School District No. 1, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

5th

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen commencing on Summer St. and ending near the Brick School House in the Old City, as petitioned for by Benjamin Snow and others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public

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Meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

> Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Selectmen Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Fitchburg Stephen Shepley

Worcester, fs: Town of Fitchburg April 3d 1848. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town nine days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg Fees 6 Copies of two pages each \$1.44

Travel 2 miles 0.08

\$1.52.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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[486] 1848. Town Meeting April 3.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 3d 1848, at 3, O'clock, P. M. A Town Meeting was opened as above pursuant to the warrant Recorded in this Book Pages 484 & 485, the warrant was Read by the Town Clerk, and the Meeting was organized by Choosing under the 1st Article in the Warrant Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator.

Article 1st.

Article 2d
Highway

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be empowered to collect all such Taxes as shall not be paid in labour.

Surveyors made Collectors, Article 3.

Article 5.

Past over the third article by vote.

Article 4. Past over the forth article by vote.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of Benj Snow and others was here read to the Town and rejected by Voting to pass over the fifth Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1848.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen 1848

Officers apby Selectmen March 28, The Selectmen of Fitchburg at a meeting held this day for that purpose hereby appoint the following persons as measurers of Wood and Bark in said Town for the year ensuing.

Measurers of Wood & Bark, April 14. s. Ebenezer Ball.

April 17. s. John L. Joslin.

April 22 s. Abel Simonds.

July 12. s. Alfred R. Ordway.

April 15. s. William Sandin.

April 17. s. John Sawyer.

March 29. s. Joseph Willard.

Waldo Wallace.

March 28. 1848. Loring Wheeler.

Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Stephen Shepley Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Sealer of Weights & Measures Officers Appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg April 15, 1848. The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoints Abijah Hartwell to be Surveyor of Weights and Measures during the present year.

Abel F. Adams.

Abel F. Adams. | Selectmen John Caldwell. | of Isaac B. Woodward. | Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Then personally appeared Abijah Hartwell and took the oath required by law as a sealer of Weights and Measures on this 16th day of May 1848, before me

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Special Constable Appointed July 1848. The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint Alpheus Porter Kimball to be Special Constable within said Town from the third day of July 1848, to the twelfth day of the same July and shall for the time being have and exercise the same powers as other Constables of Fitchburg.

Abel F. Adams.
John Caldwell.
Isaac B. Woodward.
Edwin Upton.
Stephen Shepley.

Stephen Shepley.

Fitchburg July 1. 1848.

July 3^d 1848. Then personally appeared the above named Alpheus Porter Kimball and took the Oath required by Law to be taken by a Constable.

Before me J. A. Marshall Town Clerk Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Measurer of Wood & Bark. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have this day appointed Joseph Peirce to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark until April 1st 1848.

Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley

Sworn October 20, 1848, by

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[488] 1848. May Roll of our Militia Company No 698.

The following is a list of all the names of persons liable to be enrolled in the Militia who were residents of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1848.

Charles II. Raymond Eli W. Raymond Calvin D. Reed Otis Rider Henry O Rockwell Charles Russell Dwight Sackett Benja Safford Roby R. Safford Jabez Sawyer Joseph T. Scott James D. Searle Clark Simonds Micah Shattuck Simeon Shattuck Samuel B Smith John Smith Edward T. Smith Charles A. Shurteff Reuben Smith John H. Sperling

Albert J. Spooner Lorenzo Stearns Ieremiah Stuart George O. Stickney John C. Stimpson Avery Stockwell Loriston Stockwell Charles Sylvester Daniel Taylor William E. Taylor William Thurston Thomas B. Thurston Lysander S. Upham Volney B. Wait Luke D. Walton Alfred M. Wheeler James B. Wheeler Simon Whitney Ethanan Whitney James Whitney Richard Wise

Farrington Works Winchester Wyman John B. Palmer John Page Moses G. Parker William Park Lincoln Parkhurst Otis Parmenter David Parker Harrison Perkins Asa Partridge Oren Partridge Moses Perkins Jr. Alonzo Phelps James Phelps Thomas Pennamon Francis Philips Horace Platt Albert T Pierce Charles Pratt Benjamin Prentiss George M. Polley Joseph B. Polley Ralph S. Gordon Samuel Hale 2d William H. Hale John M. Harris Gordis D. Harris James Hartwell Leonard Hartwell

John Hartwell Henry W. Haskell Samuel Hawes Almer C. Hilton Marquis L. Hoblin Silas Hosmer Sewell Hosmer Addison Hubbard Nathan Hudson George Hudson 2d Edwin Jackson Samuel Jones Lorin Kendall Franklin Kemball Charles Kinsman Lorenzo Kinsman Edwin Lamb Uriah Lawrence Freeborn Lawrence Silas Lawrence Joseph Leavitt Jr. Levi Lewis Jr. Amos Lewis Emerson Lewis James W. Leverett Charles Livermore Daniel Lovejoy James B. Lord Calvin Lowe Joseph Lowe

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John Lowe Samuel H. Lowe John Lusk William Mack Abel Marshall Luther Maynard Jed. Mayo Isaiah Mc.Intire Levi Mc.Intire Lyman Mc.Intire Stephen Mc.Intire Mc.Intire Daniel Messenger Daniel E. Messenger Albert G. Page Joel Page Jr. John Page David M. Parker Charles Parker Wm. C. Pease Selah Perham Wm. B. Phelps Henry Philips George Polly James Pierce Joseph Pierce Otis Prescott James P. Putnam

Rodney Farwell Gardner Farrar Charles Fisk Clark Fisher William B Flagg Samuel Foster Job S. Foster Charles Gerry George Gerry Jesse Gibbs Charles Giffin James Goodale Francis Gould Roswell Graham Marshall Grant William Griswold George W. Hagar Mason A. Harrington Dexter Hanshaw Caleb Harding Levi Harris Jr. Daniel Harrington Iacob Haskell Jonas Holden Henry J. Holden Ira Holt Albert C. Houghton Ezra D. Hoyt Leonard E. Howland Elijah A. Huntley Lysander B. Jaquith John P. Jaquith Newell Johnson William Jewett Henry Kibling Jeremiah Kinsman Jr. Lemuel Lakin Luther Lakin Jonas Lawrence Thomas Leshare John C. Leavitt David G. Lillis George W. Lillis Edward Lock Quiney Lynch Edward Mahan William Mathews

Horace Moffitt Charles Nash Franklin McIntire Harvey Mead Wm. F. Merriam Wm. S. Nerritt Jacob Miller John Morey S. O. Mowry Daniel Moulton Arrison J. Munroe Porter Monroe Charles Nickson Perez Newell Wm. A. Nourse George Nutting David B. Ordway William H. Orcott Abram Osborn 2d John L. French Gilman S. Frost Charles Fullum Barnard Fuller Dana Garfield George S. Gates Ira T. Gleason Robert L. Goddard George Goddard Joseph H. Goodale Silas H. Goodnow Francis Gould Daniel S. Goodwin Asher Green Sumner Hale Henry Hale Seth B. Hall J. J. Hardon Willard Harris George H. Hartwell Joel Hartwell Leonard B. Hartwell O. L. Haskell Silas Hastings Francis Hastings E. C. Havden William H. Hayes Calvin Hewitt

Stephen Holman Franklin Holland Edwin Holmes Peter B. Howard George Hudson Joel E. Hunt George W. Huey

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Caleb W. Jaquith Stilman Jackson Martin Johnson Charles Johnson John L. Joslin William Johnson Lorin Joslin George A. Kendall John Kilburn Albert Kitridge William Kilgore Charles Lamb Iames B Lane Lafayette Laraba Henry L. Lawrence William W. Leath Aaron K. Litch James D. Litchfield Rufus Litchfield Elias Lathrop Theodore Locke B. F. Lyon Moses G. Lyon Daniel P. Mann Samuel Marble Joseph Marshall Moses Marshall William Marshall Henry Maynard Elmer Mason Charles Mason George L. Adams George F. Adams N. B. Agar Charles Alden George Alley Lucius Aldrich Rufus Anderson Timothy Ames John M. Atherton

E. F. Bailey G. F. Bailey Well R. Bardwell Guy Bardwell Flavil Barnes Porter J. Barton Charles D. Barrett David Battles Aaron F. Beaman Alvah A. Beckwith Levi L. Bennett Charles H. Benton Charles J. Billings Lovell Blood E. S. Bowditch Horace S. Bowman David C. Brick Jerome S. Brick Joseph Brick Iosiah D. Brown William Brown George Brown Charles A. Bullock George Burpee Francis Buttrick Thomas C. Caldwell George H. Carter D. M. Carpenter Iosiah Chapin Parker Chapin John Clark Samuel H. Colburn Iames M. Collier Wm. E. Cole Andrew P. Conant Charles F. Conant William Crosby Charles Crosby Dexter Cane Gilbert Curtis

Artemas Cutler James R. Davis Calvin W. Deputrin Charles Derby Jr. W. S. B. Drew Charles B. Dupec William Dawton John Eaton Daniel Emory Henry W. Eddy Francis Estabrook Joseph Fairbanks Charles A. Fairbanks Asa Farwell Jonathan Farnsworth 2d Warren Farrar Levi Farnsworth

Dexter Farwell
William Farnsworth
Levi G. Fessenden
Edwin Fletcher
Thomas P. Flint
Hosea B. Aldrich
Joseph Alland
Charles Arnold
Benjamin Arnold
William Atherton
John L. Atherton
J. T. Atwood
Walton Ball
Eleazer R Baker
William T Bardeen
Thomas Barker

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Lorenzo L. Barnes Leander Bartlett George Bartlett Charles Battles Samuel Battles Jerome Beal Alfred Beckwith Joseph Bemis Daniel Bemis Samuel S. Bennett John Billings Levi M. Blanchard Dennis Blood Daniel Blood John Boutell Davis C. Bowker Alfred H. Brick Alfred Bridges Alanson C. Brown Samuel Burnap Orris Camp Samuel Carter Francis Chase Moses Chase Amos Chatman William Clifford Joseph Cobb

Charles Collings Colburn Smith Colburn Franklin Samuel Corser George A. Corser Gabriel D. Crise Anson Crawford Charles P. Crossman Amory W. Crossman Stephen H. Crossman E. W. Cutler Daniel Danforth William L. Davis Otis Davis Sumner Davis Franklin H. Damon Stephen Davenport William Derby Addison Davis John Derby Abel Derby Joseph Derby Fitch Downe William C. Ellick Merrill Elliot Frederic A. Emory Henry Emory

Eliakim Estabrooks James H. Estess George G. Fales Thomas Farnsworth Henry Farr Levi Farwell Edward Aldrich Artemas F Andrews Daniel Andrews Alonzo Andrews Lysander Andrews Leander Andrews Edward Atkinson William E. Arnold Austin Sawyer Joseph Baldwin Lyman Baker William Barron Elisha N. Bigelow Charles Billings Silas P. Billings George Blanchard Luther Blanchard Cornelius Bogert Sumner D. Boynton Amos Brown Jr Elisha Brown Iacob Brown Porter Brown

C. F. Burnap Charles Carter Israel N Carter Elijah S. Carter Alonzo O. Carter George H. Carter Josiah W. Caswell Hosea M. Caswell Stephen Caswell Nathan Caswell Josiah Chase Íra G. Childs S. Austin Childs Natt Cowdin Horace C. Crehore Ira E. Cutler James Cutler John Dasey Chancey Day John L. Davis Alonzo Davis Elijah L. Davis Andrew J. Dean Charles P. Dean David Daniels George W. Dewitt Amos J. Durant William F. Durant

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David H. Eager Daniel S. Eaton John Ervin Roswell Evans Samuel Farwell Salathiel W. Farmer Charles S. Farrar Jabez Flint Stearns A. Fitts Arthur Forrester Elisha B. Foster John Garfield Arrington Gibson Jacob Gibson J. Kinsman Gibson Lemuel W. Gibson Reuben Gibson Thomas Gibson George Stevens Marreton Upton James Hatheway Edmund Carter Henry A Spooner Henry C. Adams Cyrus Farrar John G. Henry Theodore Whitney D. Waterman Tuttle Samuel Durant George Gilcrest Edwin H. Johnson James Hathaway Nathan L. Pratt Albert Hopkins Clark C. Simonds Franklin Hutchinson William Field William Barns John Mason Harris Amos Orsborn David S. Lowe Jacob Polley Amos S. Hilton Benjamin Hartwell Dolphus Chaplain Elbridge Hosmore Albertus Hosmore George Gordon John Kneeland Almanza Carter John Eaton Stephen Piper Perez S. Wood John Hill Charles Fisher Edmund French James M. Lakin Benjamin F. Eddy George W. Lawrence Henry Ames Uriah Harris J. D. Morse C. A. Crandall Horace Hill Charles Fisher

David Fuller George Boynton Ransalier Wright Ezekiel Pike Benjª H. Conant Joseph Plumer John Wright John Burrill Jason Hudson Levi Crosby Lorenzo S. Prescott Alexander Prescott William M. Pride Henry H. Priest Sullivan G. Proctor Benjamin S. Proctor John B. Proctor George Reed David Richardson Ira Ricker Horace Rice Elbridge Rice Roland Rice Horace R. Rice Robert G. Parker Cyrus Robinson John Rouch David Rouch Francis Russell Leonard C. Sandborn Samuel Sanders Charles Sanders Augustus Sawyer Henry E. Sawyer

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Andrew J. Sawyer John A. Scott John P. Sheldon Hugh L. Shaw Simun Sherman Stephen Shepley Orrison Sawin William P. Smith Leonard Smith Rufus P. Smith

Benjⁿ Snow Jr. Z. P. Spaulding John Start Orville Stiles Joseph E. Story Moses E. Storer John Sweeney Isaac D. Wilson Elliot Wood Goodwin Wood

Cyrus Wood Timothy Wood John S Woods Edwin A. Woods Edwin Works William Young Tyler Younglove Elisha Withington Otis Ryder Joseph Maynard George H Boss E. B. Rockwood A. J. Norcross William F. Day Henry K Richardson Solon Bemis Charles Blanchard Hale W. Page Charles Parker Franklin Philips Calvin Pierce Edward Pool Barney Pratt Franklin Priest Ricker Ira Chancy D. Randall Silas Rice Isaac Ripley Samuel Roberts William Sampson Sandford Sawyer William Shattuck Levi Sherwin Lucius Smith L. G. Spencer Solon Spooner Ruel F. Stevens Lucius A. Tenny Charles Titcomb Frederic L. Torrey William Turner John M. Twitchel Seth Twitchell

Vanderford Carter James Walker Waldo Wallace David E. Ware Asa E. Webster Benjamin S. Weld Clark S. West Leavett West Benjⁿ F. Wheeler Hiram Wilcomb Lysander Whitney Stephen Whitney George Wilder Edwin Wilder John Wilkins Charles Willard Alouzo Williams Sewall Williams Stephen Woodson William Gibbs Edwin S. Taylor James W. Gardner Rufus Carter H. T. Kenney Wm. F. Mathers Charles H. Titcomb Appleton Oakes Leander Morton William H. Taylor Abel L. Thurston Charles T. Thurston George Tilden Oliver S. Tilden Samuel W. Tileston Richard H. Torrey William Tyler Benjamin P. Tyler Lewis G. Tuttle Albert Upton Charles Upton Warren C. Upton Horace Vinton Samuel Walton

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Daniel S. Walters Thornton K. Ware George Wait George P. Warren

Wm. W. Wheeler Almond Wheeler John H. Wheeler Philip M. Wheeler Charles Whittimore George Whittimore John R Whiteomb David C Whiteomb I. Andrew Whiteomb Luther J. Whiteomb Nathan Whiteomb George L Whiteomb Alonzo Whitman James Whitman Andrew Whitney Ionas Whitney Joseph B. Willard

Josiah B. Willard Francis E. Williams Calvin Lincoln 3d Arnold Wilson Charles N. Wilson Joseph Wilson William Winch Ira Younglove James S. Vanderford George Farrar George R. Mansfield Dennis Blood Elbridge Smith David J. Jaquith Elisha Bickford Joseph Sanders John Parmeter

Fitchburg May 29th 1848.

Abel Thurston Assessors Justin Stearns of John L. Joslin Fitchburg.

Whole No. Enrolled 698.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting August 3, 1848.

Warrant August, 1848.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the nineteenth day of August current at 3. o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st. 2d. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. To see if the Town will discontinue a certain piece of Road near the Stone Mill as petitioned for by Joseph Davenport and others or act anything thereon.

3d.

To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the support of a High School agreeable to the Statute in such cases made and provided or act any thing thereon.

5th.

6th

7th

8th

4th. To see if the town will dispose of the Old Engine formaly called No. 2, or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to establish the bounds of certain Roads in Town or act any thing thereon.

To see what action the town will take upon the order of notice issued by the County Commissioners, upon the petition of the Vt. and Mass. Rail Road Co. Also upon the order of notice issued by the same, upon the petition of the Fitchburg and Worcester Rail Road Company.

To hear the Report of a Committee chosen to prepare a Code of By Laws for the use of the Town.

To see if the Town will change the name of Acadamy Street and direct their Selectmen to put up boards at the corners of the Several Streets in the Village designating the names of said Streets or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

(over)

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Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fifth day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams.
John Caldwell.
Isaac B. Woodward.
Edwin Upton.
Stephen Shepley.

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. Town of Fitchburg August 5th 1848. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested

copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting, D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg

Fees 6. Copies of 2 pages each \$1.44.

Travel 2 Miles

\$1.52

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 19, 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg August 19th 1848, at 3, o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading said Warrant at the above time and place and duely Organized by Choosing Ivers Phillips Esq moderator under the first Article in the warrant.

The following petition was then read to the Town
Petition for Discontinuance of Road

"To the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg—The undersigned Legal Voters in the Town of Fitchburg petition your board to discontinue so much of the Road (which was laid out and established by the town on the second day of November A. D. 1818.) as lies South and East of the Railroad track near the house formally owned by Gen! Leonard Burbank now by the Vermont and Massachusetts Railway Company as per plan, See same. The description of the whole of said Road or private way is as follows: Beginning at a Stone set in the ground near said Burbank house on the Road leading to the Bridge, from thence East 32^a South forty Rods to a stone in the ground, said road being laid out two rods wide. Fitchburg June 29.th 1848"

The above petition was signed by Joseph Davenport and ten others. After the above petition had been read and the plan of the same exhibited (which is on file with the petition) it was voted that so much of said Road as lies South & East of the Railroad track as set forth in said petition be Discontinued.

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Article 1. Moderator. Article 2. Road by Burbank house Dis-

continued

in part.

Article 3d High School

On the subject of a High School Voted not to appropriate any money, at this time, for a High School and the Article, was further disposed of by voting that the same be indefinately posponed.

Article 4 Old. Engine No 2.

Old Engine No 2. Voted that the Engine Committee be authorized to sell said Engine or to locate the same in any other part of the town as they think proper.

Article 5th

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to petition

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Town Meeting August 19, 1848

1848. bounds of Roads.

To establish the County Commissioners to locate and establish the bounds of any Road or Roads in the Town of Fitchburg they may think necessary to have so established.

Worcester Orders of Concerning

Article 6th On Orders of Notice of County Commissioners on Rail Roads vt. & Mafs. petition of Vt. & Mafs Railroad and of Fitchburg and On Orders of Notice of County Commissioners on Fitchburg & Worcester Rail Road Companies

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee attend to the Subject matter contained in the sixth Article in the warrant.

Article 7 By Laws.

The Committee Chosen to prepare a code of By Laws for the use of the Town here presented their Report. Voted that the Rebort of by Laws be recommitted with orders to have the same printed (1200 copies) and distributed to the inhabitants.

Article 8 Streets Signs for put up by

Slectmen.

Voted not to change the name of Acadamy St.

Voted that the Selectmen cause boards to be put up at the corners of the several Streets having the name of the Street thereon.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[499] 1848. November 7. Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 7th 1848.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, In the name of the Commonwealth of Greeting. Massachusetts vou are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in

Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at one o'clock, in the after noon then and there to act on the following article:-To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for this Commonwealth, all on one ballot. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams
John Caldwell
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley

Stephen Shepley

Worcester, ss.

Town of Fitchburg October 23^d 1848 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time, set for said meeting and I have likewise Caused the substance of said Warrant to be published in the Fitchburg Sentinel a Newspaper printed in said Town.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg Fees 6, copies, 75

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting November 7, 1848.

Town Meeting November 7th 1848, at 1.

November 7. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by

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[501] 1848. Electors.

Electors of President and reading said Warrant—Selectmen presiding—Check list Vice President used as the Law directs The Selectmen then called United Statesfor Votes for Twelve Electors on one ballot of Presi-Massachudent and Vice President of the United States. setts

The whole number of Votes given in were received. sorted, counted and declared, and record thereof made in Open Town Meeting, as the Law directs; and said Votes were as follows: viz Whole number of votes 816.

For Electors at Large.	
	5. Votes.
" William Jackson " 403	
" Levi Lincoln " 23	-
" Edmund Dwight " 23:	
Henry H. Childs " 174	
Charles G. Green " 174	4. "
	5. "
	5. "
For an Elector for District Number	One.
Joseph Willard had 403	5. Votes.
Albert Fearing " 23:	
James Cheever " 174	4. "
	5. "
For District Number Two.	
John B. Alley had 403	5. Votes.
David Pingree " 232	
Ebenezer H. Stacey " 174	4. "
3	5. "
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For an Elector for District Number	
John G. Whittier had 408	
Daniel Adams " 232	
Edwin Lawrence " 17	
	5. "
For District Number Four.	
I OI DISSIRCE INMINISCI I ONLY	
Nathan Brooks had 403	5. Votes.

174.

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Timothy Fletcher

W. D. Peck

For District Number Five.			
Alex. De. Witt	had	405.	Votes.
Benjamin F Thomas	6.6	232.	64
J. S. C. Knowlton	4.6	174.	4.4
E. G. Adams	6.6	5.	6.6
For District Number Six.			
James Fowler	had	405.	Votes.
Myron Lawrence	4.6	232.	6.6
Joseph Smith	6.6	174.	4.4
Wm. Dwight	4.4	5.	6.6
For District Number Seven.			
Thomas Robinson	had	405.	Votes.
Asa Howland	4.4	232.	4.6
Samuel Gates	6.6	174.	4.4
M. Hopkins	6.6	5.	6.6
For District Number Eight.			
Benj. V. French	had	405.	Votes.
Henry A. S. Dearborn	6.6	232.	4.6
William Ellis	6.6	174.	4.6
Horace Mann	6.6	5.	4.6
			over.
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For an Elector for District			
Philo Leach	had		Votes.
William Baylies		232.	
Foster Hooper	4.6	174.	
N. P. Tillinghast	**	5.	4.4
For Number Ten District.			
Isaae C. Taber			Votes.
William R. Easton	4.6	232.	4.6
James D. Thompson	6.6	174.	6.6
A. H. Howland	6.6	5.	4.4

November 7.th 1848.

[502] 1848. Electors.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 7.th 1848

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:-

1st. 2d.

To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting. To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Joseph Davenport and others.

[503] 1848. Warrant continued.

November 7.th 1848.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Samuel Walton and others.

To see if the Town will accept a Code of By Laws as prepared by their Committee.

To see if the Town will choose a Committee to give names to the several Streets in the Village not now named.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the publie meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Selectmen Edwin Upton of Isaac B. Woodward Fitchburg Stephen Shepley

Worcester, ss. Town of Fitchburg October 27. 1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested

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4th 5th copies of this warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town seven days before the time set for said meeting.

A.F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg.

Fees 6. Copes 75.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[504]1848. November 7th Town Meeting.

Town Meeting November 7th 1848

Town Hall Fitchburg November 7th 1848, at 3, O'clock P. M. A. Town meeting was opened at the above time and place pursuant to the foregoing Warrant by reading the same and choosing under the first Article Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator

Article 2d Extention of Pleasant St. Posponed.

Article 1st.

The Report of a Road on the petition of Joseph Davenport and others was here read to the Town Whereupon it was voted that the same be indefinately posponed.

Article 3d Road from Laurel to South Street Accepted Conditionally.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out upon the petition of Samuel Walton and others from Laurel to South Street, was here read, whereupon the Town voted to pay the Land damages and accept the Road provided the same be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of June next and free from all expense to the town for making said Road—To be Recorded when accepted by the Selectmen.

Article 4th

The By Laws as Reported by the Committee By Laws. See Page 505.chosen to prepare the same, and the same having been printed by order of the Town was here taken up and acted upon Article by Article, after said Report had undergon several Amendments said By Laws were accepted and adopted and Alpheus Porter Kimball, Ivers Phillips and William Carleton were chosen a Committee to procure the sanction of the Court of Common pleas to the same as the Law directs Said By Laws as adopted will be found recorded on the following page of this Book.

Article 5 Nameing Streets.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to give names to the several Streets not now named.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[505] 1848. By Laws, of Fitchburg. Articles, By Laws, to be observed by the Town of Fitchburg.

1st If any person shall play at any game of ball, or strike any ball with a bat-stick, or his feet, or shall throw any ball into, in, about, across or along any of the Streets or Roads in the Town of Fitchburg, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of one Dollar

2d If any person shall throw any Stones, brickbats, clubs, or any other hard substance, into, in, along, or about any part of any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of one Dollar.

3. If any person shall set fire to any fire-works, composed of gunpowder, fulminating powder, or spirits of turpentine, or other combustable matter as an ingredient, or shall throw any such lighted fire-works, without license of the Selectmen, first obtained therefor, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of Five Dollars.

4th If any person shall expose himself in swimming, or bathing, in the day time, or within one hour before sun-rise, on in one hour after sun-setting, in any of the ponds, streams or waters, within the limits of said Town, in view of a dwelling-house, or a street or highway, he shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay not less than two Dollars, nor more than Five Dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence.

5th If any person shall throw a carcase of any dead animal into any of the ponds,

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By Laws of Fitchburg

streams or waters, within the limits of said Town, or if any person shall leave any such Carcase of any such animal to decay, on the surface of the ground, or insufficiently buried therein, near any building or any road or other high-way, in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, a sum not less than Five Dollars, nor more than Ten Dollars.

6th If any person shall coast or run down in, into, across, or along any of the Streets or Roads, in said Town, on any hand sled, board, or other thing, upon the snow or ice, he shall for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of One Dollar.

7th If any person shall place any obstruction on any of the foot or side walks, or in any of the Streets or side walks in said Town, and allow the same to remain there, without the consent of the Selectmen, first obtained therefor, in writing, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not less than Two Dollars nor more than Ten Dollars.

8.th The foot or side walks within the meening of these By Laws shall be such parts of the highway as are within the curb stones thereof, in all places where the same shall have been paved with brick or stones and also such parts of such highways as shall be specially determined, as, and for, foot or side walkes, by the Selectmen, whenever such determination shall be recorded by the Town Clerk, in the book of Town Records,—the Selectmen giving notice in writing to the adjoining owners of the contemplated foot or sidewalk, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of determining as aforesaid.

[507] 1848. Articles

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9th No person driving any carriage, or any beast or beasts harnessed thereto, or riding on or after any horse, mare, or other beast, in or through any of the public Streets in the Town of Fitchburg, shall suffer the said horse, mare, or other beast, to go at an immoderate gait, so as to endanger persons standing or passing in said street, and every person so offending therein, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not lefs than two, nor more than ten Dollars,—provided, further, that all unnecessary riding or driving any horse, or other beast, at a faster rate than eight miles an hour, shall be considered a violation of this By Law.

10th If any person shall move any building, boat, or other heavy thing, other than the usual carriages and travel common to public roads, over any of the bridges in said Town, without the consent of the Selectmen, first obtained therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, the sum of Ten Dollars.

11th If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol, or other small armes, loaded with powder, in any public street, or near any dwelling-house in the Town, other than by Millitary Companies, when actually embodied, and at the time under the command of a Commissioned Officer, and by his order, he shall forfeit and pay a sum, not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, for each offence.

12th. If any person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team, to any of the trees planted in any public high-way or street, or on any public

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[508] 1848. Articles Continued

By Laws of Fitchburg.

lands in said Town, for shade or ornament, or to any iron or fence put up for the protection of said trees, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars.

13th If any owner of real estate on Main Street, or any other Street in said Town, on which there are paved side-walks, shall omit, for twenty-four hours after the fall of any snow, to clear the same therefrom, so that no obstruction shall be occasioned to any foot passenger, such owner shall forfeit and pay for each offence, not less than One Dollar, nor more than Ten Dollars.

14th If any individual, or individuals, shall place, or cause to be placed, in front of any Engine-House, or other building under the care of the fire department, any obstruction to the taking out, or putting in any engine, or apparatus belonging to said fire

department, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than three Dollars, nor more than ten Dollars.

15th If any person shall suffer any horse, cattle, or team, or any beast, harnessed to any wheel carriage, to go at large without a driver or rider, on any public Street, high-way, common or square, in the Town of Fitchburg, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars.

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By Laws of Fitchburg.

16th All the foregoing penalties may be recovered, with costs, by action of debt, or by information before any Justice of the Peace in the County of Worcester. One moiety of all forfeitures and penalties provided by the By-Laws of the Town of Fitchburg, shall be recovered and paid to the use of said town, and the other moiety thereof, to the use of the person who sues or prosecutes for the same.

Accepted by the Town, November 7th, 1848. Worcester, ss. C. C. Pleas, Decr. Term, 1848.

Approved-

T. Hopkinson, J. C. C. P.

[510] 1848, November 13, Warrant,

Warrant for Town meeting November 13 1848.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the thirteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the four noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Worcester for the year ensuing all on one ballott. 2d.

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To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next.

To Give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for District Number

Four. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty forth day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley

Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester, ss. Fitchburg October 27, 1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg

Fees 6. Copies .75.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting November 13, 1848.

[511] Town Hall Fitchburg November 13, 1848 at 9. 1848. Town Meeting Movember 13.0'clock A. M. Pursuant to Warrant recorded on the

foregoing page a Town Meeting was opened as above by reading said Warrant, Selectmen presiding Check list used—By vote the several Articles were acted upon at the same time, by receaving votes for the several

Officers at the same time which being Sorted, Counted	d		
and declared were as follows-			
For Governor The Whole number of votes was 72	5.		
Governor. George N. Briggs had 239.			
Stephen C. Phillips " 368.			
Caleb Cushing " 63.			
Robert Rantoul Jr " 55.			
For Lt. Governor The Whole number of votes was 72	3.		
Lt. Governor. John Reed had 238,			
John Mills " 368.			
Henry W. Cushman " 116.			
Stephen C. Phillips 1.			
For Senators Whole Number of votes was 719.			
John Brooks had 233.			
Alexander H. Bullock 233.			
Senators. Ebenezer D. Ammidown " 233.			
Paul Whitin " 233.			
Ebenezer Torrey " 231.			
Alexander De. Witt " 370.			
Moses Wood " 369.			
Cyrus Gale " 370.			
Edward B. Bigelow " 370.			
Amasa Walker " 369.			
Otis Adams " 116.			
Francis Howe " 116.			
Seth Hapgood " 116.			
Ivers Phillips " 117.			
John Erskin " 116.			
Charles W. Wilder "1.			
John White " 1.			
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[512] Town Meeting November 13, 1848.			
November 13. For Representative to the General Court the whole			
Representative to the number of votes was 651. necessary to a choise 326.			
General Charles Mason Esq had 344, and was Chosen			
Ebenezer Torrey Esq " 188,			

Ebenezer Torrey Esq " 188.

Hon. Nathaniel Wood " 116.

Levi Downe Esq " 1.

John Prichard " 1.

Rev George Trask " 1.

At 12. O'clock M, the meeting was adjourned one hour for Dinner

Article 3d Representative to Congress. For Representative to Congress for District Number Four the whole Number of votes given in was 706.

John G. Palfrey had 388. Benjamin Thompson " 202. Frederic Robinson " 116.

The Returns of the votes given at this meeting were made out signed & Sealed up in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[513] 1849. January 1st. Warrant Warrant For Town Meeting January 1. 1849.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of January next, at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Article:—

To give in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the forth day of March 1849, for District No 4.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Stephen Shepley
Edwin Upton
John Caldwell

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Worcester, ss. Town of Fitchburg December 18.

1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, and place and for the I page each 1 page each 72 copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting
Travel 2 Miles 8 houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set 80. for said meeting.

David H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[514] 1849. January 1. Town Meeting Town Meeting January 1st 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg January 1st 1849 at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which Warrant was in pursuance of a Warrant from the Governor of the Commonwealth requiring the Selectmen to call said meeting—the meeting was opened by the Selectmen at the above time and place, the Warrants of the Selectmen and the Governor having been read, the Selectmen proceeded to receive, Votes for a Representative to Congress as set forth in the Warrants, the same were Sorted, Counted, and declared and were as the Law directs recorded and the Returns of said votes made out and duely signed and sealed up in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Representative to Congress. For Representative to Congress The Whole Number of Votes was 529.

John G. Palfrey had 338.

Benjamin Thompson " 136.

Frederic Robinson " 55.

Attest Ionas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[515] 1849. March 5. Warrant. Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1849

Worcester, fs.—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st-

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March, 1849, for District number four.

Art 2d—

To choose all necessary town officers for the year

Art 3d—

To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, or act any thing respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper.

Art 4th-

To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art 5th-

To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work house and Poor establishment the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art 6th-

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their Highways, Town ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing; determine the manner of laying out said money; fix the price of labor &c. on said roads.

Art 7th-

To choose a Committee to take care of their Bridges the year ensuing.

Art 8th-

To hear the report of their School Committee the past year.

Art 9th-

To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year 1849

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including only the wages and board of Teachers and fuel for the Schools, and act any thing in regard to the expending and division of the same they may think proper. To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to School-Houses they may think proper.

Art 11.th— To see if the town will build a new School-House at South Fitchburg, also in District No. 5, or act any thing respecting said School House they may think proper

Art 12th— To see if the town will establish a High School, or act any thing in regard to a High School they may think proper

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing

Art 14th—

To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing

money for ringing one of the bells for town purposes
the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

To see if the town will restrain. Horses, Neat

Art 15th— To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle, and Swine, from running at large within said town the year ensuing.

Art 16th— To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town the year ensuing.

Art 17th— To choose a commettee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Art 18th— To see what action the town will take relative to building a new Town House or repairing their old one.

To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor-farm for one or more years, or act any thing thereon.

To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the town.

Art 21st— To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in

town, in future or act any thing upon the subject

Art 22d-

To see if the town will abate certain taxes, as reported by their Collector.

Art 23d-

To see if the town will rebuild the Bridge near Hartwell & Prichard's shop or act any thing in regard to said Bridge they think proper.

Art 24th-

To see if the town will discontinue a piece of road, near the covered bridge, at South Fitchburg, as petitioned for by Ebenezer Ball, or act any thing thereon.

Art 25th-

To see if the town will accept of the widening of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen, and petitioned for by W^m Woodbury and others.

Art 26th-

To see if the town will form a new School District in the westerly part of Fitchburg, as petitioned for by S. S. Crocker and others, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

> Abel F. Adams Isaac B. Woodward John Caldwell Stephen Shepley Edwin Upton

Selectmen of Fitchburg

[518]1849.

Warrant March 5th 1849.

Worcester fs. Town of Fitchburg March 5th 1849, pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, within mentioned by posting up an attested Copy of

this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town fifteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

March Meeting. 1849.

March Meeting. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 5. 1849. 9. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Annual March Meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Ivirs Phillips, Esq Moderator. After the Town Meeting was duly organized the Meeting was opened by Prayer by Rev. M. E. Hawes The Meeting was opened at the same time and place for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for District No. four Selectmen presiding—check list used in voting for Representative to Congress and for Selectmen and Town Clerk.

Article 1. Represent, v to Congress, For Representative to Congress whole number of Votes Given in were Sorted, counted and declared as follows—Whole Number 545.

John G. Palfrey had 337. Benjamin Thomson " 125. Frederic Robinson " 83.

[519] 1849. March 5. Article 2.

March Meeting 1849.

Votes for Town Clerk and for Five Selectmen were received at the same time as votes for Representative to Congress.

Town Clerk

Chose s. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn into office in open Town Meeting by Ivers Phillips Esq.

Oaths.

N. B. All Officers Chosen under this March meeting warrant or that may be appointed by the Selectmen during the year and of whome an Oath by Law is required and shall be qualified by taking the requisite Oath of Office before me as Town Clerk will have

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prefixed to their names respectively the letter s. and the date on which said Oath was administered, except when they were sworn in open town meeting on the day of their election in which case no date will be prefixed.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Selectmen

Chose, s. Abel F. Adams,

s. Isaac B. Woodward.

s. Edwin Upton.

s. Stephen Shepley.

s. Asher Green. Selectmen. For Assessors Chose

Assessors

Curus Thurston

s. Cyrus Thurston. s. Timothy S. Wilson.

s. I illiothy 5. Whs

s. John Caldwell.

Overseers of Poor,

For Overseers of Poor. Chose. Abel F. Adams.

Abel Thurston.

Levi Downe.

Dinner. at 12, hours 20, munits adjourned One hour for Dinner.

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March Meeting 1849.

1849. March 5. Town Officers. Treasurer.

For Town Treasurer chose Hon. s. Ebnezer Torrey. Chose For Constables

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Constables.

March 17. s. Kilborn Harwood.

March 10. s. Aaron F. Beaman.

s. Ivers Phillips.

s. Stephen Shepley.

s. David H. Merriam.

s. John Caldwell.

March 7. s. Samuel M. Dole.

July 3. s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Edwin Upton.

s. Elliot Wood.
David C. Whitcomb.
Abel Stevens.

s. Norman Stone.

s. Leonard C. Sanborn.

s. Ebenezer L. Munroe. (Added)

School Comt y For School Committee Chose Ivers Phillips Esq.

Alvah Crocker ". Thornton K. Ware ". Goldsmith F. Bailey ".

James B. Lane.

Fence Viewers

Chose For Fence Viewers
James Hartwell,
Joseph Upton Jr.

s. Jesse Spaulding.

s. Symeon Gibson.

April 2. s. Luther Maynard.

Field Drivers Chose

s. Silas C. Waters. s. George H. Hartwell.

s. David Daniels.

July 24. s. James Hartwell.

s. Thomas Adams.

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1849. March 5. Town Officers. Surveyors of Lumber, March Meeting 1849. For Surveyors of Lumber Chose

May 22. s Abijah Hartwell.

March 13. s. Henry Maynard. s. Edwin Upton.

s. Alonzo O. Carter. s. Charles Upton, chosen April 2d

Sealers of Leather. For Scalers of Leather chose March 8. s. John L. Tinney. March 13. s. John Sawyer.

Pound Keeper March 15. s. Ira Cutler was chosen Pound Keeper.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen

Fire Wards

Alpheus Kimball. Jonas A. Marshall.

Josiah Sheldon, Assist Eng. John Prichard, Chief Eng

Ebenezer Torrey. Robert L. Frair.

John Caldwell. Assist Eng

Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.

Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler.
Timothy S. Wilson.
Charles Sawtell.
David F. McIntire.
Chedorlaomer Marshall.
David Boutelle.

Joseph W. Mansur. Fire Wards.

N. B. March 24, 1849. The Fire wards met at the Office of Jonas A. Marshall and Chose John Prichard Chief Engineer and John Caldwell and Josiah Sheldon Assistant Engineers. Attest J. A. Marshall T. C. & Clerk of the meeting.

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Voted that measurers of Wood and Bark be appointed by the Selectmen.

Cullers of Hoops. Cullers of Hoops and Staves Chose s. Jesse Batcheldor.

March 13. s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.

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1849. March 5.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to nominate a list for Highway Surveyors and report at adjournment.

Article 3.

Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Taxes

Article 4. Report on Treasury The committee chosen at the last March Meeting to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the past year made their Report which was read and on vote accepted

Balance against the Town \$18.100.40 " " 1848 20.846.57.

Reduced the debt the past year 2.746.17.

Committee on Treasury. 1849. Chos for a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing David Boutelle.

> William Carleton. Abel Stevens.

Article 5.

Past to adjournment.

Article 6. \$3,000, for Bridges.

For Highways and Bridges Raised Three Thou-Highways & sand Dollars, to be laid out in Labour, and that the same price be allowed for labour pr. hour as last year

Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the year ensuing.

Article 7. Bridge Com. Article 8.

Article 12

Voted that the 8th Art, be past over to adjournment.

Voted to take up the 12th Article.

Voted to establish a High-School to be kept dur-High School Established \$800. for. ing or throughout the year with the exception of suit-8: \$200, if able vacations and that the School Committee put necessary said High School in operation as soon as convenient. Sec Adj. of this meeting.

Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars for the support of the High School. N. B. at the adjournment of this meeting the Selectmen were authorized to appropriate the further sum of Two hundred Dollars out of the money raised for Town Charges if deemed necessary by the School Committee.

[523]1849. March 5. Article 9. Common Schools

\$2700, for

March Meeting 1849.

Voted to Raise the Sum of Twenty Seven hundred Dollars for the Support of Common Schools as set forth in the ninth Article and that the same be divided and apportioned among the several School Districts by the same Committee as performed the same duty last year and that the Committee be instructed to apportion to no District less money than One hundred Dollars.

Article 10. School Houses to Repair Article 11. School Houses tor Districs No 3. & 5.

Voted that the Selectmen keep the School Houses in repair the year ensuing.

This Article was to see if the Town would build new School Houses in South Fitchburg and in District No 5.—the whole subject of this article was refered to a committee consisting of Ivers Phillips Esq. Hon. Joseph W. Mansur and William Woodbury to Report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 13 \$13,000. Town Charges.

Voted to Raise for necessary Town Charges the Sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars for the year ensuing. Article 14 Bell & Clock of this Article Ringing Bell and care of Town Clock by vote was refered to the Selectmen.

Article 15 Voted that Horses, Neat-Cattle and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 16 Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to Treasurer may be provide the town the year ensuing. (if he can) Article 17 Voted that the Selectmen take charge of Town Town House the year ensuing.

Art 18 Town House Not Yet.

The Subject of a new Town House was taked about some—when the Inhabitants claped their Hands on their pockets and voted to pass the Article over.

Voted that the Overseers of Poor be authorized to Contract with some person to take charge of the Poor Farm for one or more years

Article 20 Engine Committee

Article 19

Over-Seers

of Poor to Contract

> To take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all Fire aparatus belonging to the town chose

Abijah Hartwell Alpheus Kimball John Caldwell Samuel M. Dole

Committee

[524] 1849. March 5. Article 21.

March Meeting 1849.

Voted that the Subject embraced in this Article be left with the Selectmen without instructions. (See below)

Article 22 Taxes abated. Voted to abate the following Taxes Reported by the Collector Viz Richard Thomas \$1.50

Joseph Derby 1.50
Cynthia Farr 4.20
Ebenezer Hadley 1.50
Abel Scott 4.68
Joseph Blanchard .42
John Goodwin .32

John Goodwin .32 Thomas Coudy 1.50

Article 23. Bridge on Rollstone Street The Subject of this article was the Bridge near Hartwell & Prichard's Shop to be rebuilt. Voted that the whole mater embraced in this article be left to the Selectmen. Article 21 Instructions to the Selectmen voted to choose a Committee to report on the subject of instructions and to report forthwith. Chose Abel Thurston John of the License Law. Caldwell and David Boutelle who made the following report—

The Committee chosen under the 21. Article Report as follows— That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to prosecute all known violations of the Licence Law in town the year ensuing at the expense of the Town—Also when they have good reason to suspect any person of committing the crime of Perjury—Subornation of Perjury—Smugling away, Secreting or otherwise unlawfully tampering with Witnefses who are summoned on such cases—that they be authorized and directed to prosecute the same at the expense of the Town—all which is respectfully submitted.

Fitchburg March 5, 1849—John Caldwell Committee.

Fitchburg March 5, 1849 | John Caldwell | Committee David Boutelle |

the above Report having been read it was by Vote accepted—

[525] 1849. March 5. Article 24. March Meeting 1849.

The Subject matter of the Twenty forth Article was by vote refered to the Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 25 Road Widening from 5 Mats Turnpike by W.& S. Woodbury' Saw Mill

The Selectmen here made the following Report of a Road or a widening of a Road laid out by them as follows

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out the widening of a Road for the use of said Town as follows, Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the South side of the fifth Massachusetts Turnpike near the house of James Woodbury then on land of Francis Hannaford South 11² West fifteen Rods to the corner of James Harris land, then on land of the said James Harris South 11² West nineteen Rods and five links to a Stone set in the ground at a corner of Henry Maynards land—

then on said Henry Maynards and W. & S. Woodbury's land South 101/2 West twenty seven Rods twelve and one half links to stone set in ground on land of W. & S. Woodbury then on said W. & S. Woodbury's land South 151/2 West nine Rods and nineteen links to Stone set in the ground then South 52. West Seven Rods and eleven links across land of James Harris to a stone set in the ground four rods and eleven links distant from the north west corner of W. & S. Woodbury's Saw Mill thence South 8234° west twenty two Rods on land of Said W. & S. Woodbury to the new County Road-The Road to be two and one half Rods wide and to lie on the Northerly and Westerly side of said course-And we appraised the damage done to land of James Harris at \$12.00-to land of Francis Hannaford at \$2.00-the other owners of the Land over which said way passes agree to relinquish all damages—Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance

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And when Accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this seventeenth day of Febru-

ary 1849.

Abel F. Adams John Caldwell Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley

Selectmen of Fitchburg

The above Report having been read it was on vote Accepted and the Selectmen were directed to cause the same to be built to their acceptance—

Article 26

Voted that the Subject of this Article be refered to the School Committee—Voted that Abel Simonds and David Boutelle be added to the above Committee

Article 3. Collection of Taxes 1.92½ The Collection of Taxes for the year ensuing was here set up by the Moderator on the same Conditions as last year to be paid in to the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of March next and the Collection was struck off at One Dollar Ninty Two an a half cents on the Hundred Dollars to Ebenezer L. Munroe—William Carleton and Timothy S. Wilson were accepted by the Town as Sureties or Bondsmen for said Collector.

Collector

Article 1.
Constable

Adjourned

Voted and chose s. Ebenezer L. Munroe Collector Voted to choose one more Constable

Chose s. Ebenezer L. Munroe Constable

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the second day of April next at 1. o'clock P. M.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[527] 1849. April 2. Adjournment of March Meeting

Article 2 Highway

Surveyors.

March Meeting Adjournment April 2d 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 2d 1849, at 1, o'clock P. M. The Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator pursuant to adjournment from March 5.

For Highway Surveyors Chose

April 20. s. Joseph Bemis.

s. Walter Wiswell.

s. Ionathan Whitman.

s. Leonard C. Sanborn.

s. Joseph Upton Jr.

s. Joseph Opton Jr. s. Charles F. Sawtell.

Micah Shattuck Jr. Out of Town Aaron Wheeler. Declined

s. Franklin McIntire.

s. Samuel Shattuck.

s. Daniel Lowe.

Chedorlaomer Marshall. Declined

s. Levi Downe.

May 3. s. Josiah Sheldon.

David D. McIntire. Declined

June 5. s. Levi Farnsworth.

s. Daniel S. Eaton.

s. Loring Wheeler.

s. Alpheus Boutelle. Everett Sprague. Declined

June 5. s. Farwell Nichols.

s Isaiah Putnam.

May 7, s. John Smith.

s. Arrington Gibson.

s. John Harris.

June 11. s. Joel Page Jr.

April 4. s. Silas P. Billings.

May 15. s. Hosea M. Caswell.

May 2. s. Rheubin Smith. May 17, s. Winchester Wiman.

Voted and Chose s. Charles Upton Surveyor of Surveyor of

Lumber Lumber.

The Committee Chosen to ascertain the expnses of Poor Expense our Poor Establishment for the past year here made \$1423.21. their Report which was Read and on vote Accepted.

Whole expense of Poor the past year \$1423.21. Voted and chose for a Committee to ascertain the

Committee Poor &c.

Article 5.

of

expense of Poor Establishment the year ensuing William Carleton.

Alpheus P. Kimball. Abel Stevens.

Article 9. High School Appropriation for \$200, See Page 522.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appropriate out of the money raised for necessary town charges, for the High School, a sum not exceeding Two hundred Dollars, if deemed necessary by the School Committee-

[528]1849. April 2d. Article 8 Report of School

March Meeting Adjournment 2d April

Report of School Committee having been printed an circulated among the Inhabitants of the town the same was not read

Com-ty Article. 11.

The Committee chosen March 5, to take into consideration the Subject mater of this Article here made the following

School Houses for Districts Nos 3. & 5. South Fitchhuro & Osborn Districts. Report on.

Report.

"The Committee to which was referred the subject matter of the eleventh Article in the Warrant for the Annual March Meeting has attended to the duty and Report. We find the present School house in District No. 3, somewhat out of repair & to small to accomDistrict

modate the present number of Scholars. We also find the Fitchburg and Worcester R. Road located so near the School house as to cause some inconvenience-The town holds a lease of the land where the School House stands to run as long as it is used for that purpose—when it will revert to the Lessor Doct Abel Fox—The House is valuable to be fitted up for a tenament where it now stands but is worth but little to be moved—If a clear title to the land can be obtained at a fair rate we reccommend to the town to buy it and then Sell out the whole concern & build a house some where on the town farm for the use of the District with two school rooms-If no satisfactory arrangement can be made with Doct. Fox we advise the town to erect a house on the Town Farm directly oposite the present School House with one School Room to be used for one School & that the present house be repaired and used when it is necessary to have two schools-At all events we advise the town to use the Old house unless it can be sold for enough to pay

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the difference in cost between a house for one School and a house for two Schools-If a new House is to be built for two schools we think the best place to locate it is in the Grove opposite the house lately

occupied by Mr John L. Chandler.

District No 5.

In District No. 5, we find the house is Old, out of repair, to small for the district & not in the right place—Since the house was built the population has changed materially a part of the teritory which was then uninhabited now contains probably more than one third of the population of the whole District & on the opposite side of the District the population has diminished. Capt Edwin Upton's house appears to be the most central point: that is the aggregate of travel for all the scholars would probably be less to get to that spot than any other in the District: we think the distance is not unreasonable for any of the

scholars to travel & there are no more scholars than can be well accommodated in one School Therefore we reccommend that ground be purchased (if it can be bought at a fair price) and a house erected to accommodate the District at the most convenient point between Capt Edwin Uptons house and the Vt. & Mafs. Rail Road & the Old house and land be sold.

> Ivers Phillips Wm- Woodbury (Committee

Fitchburg April 2d 1849.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

School. House in District No. 3. South Fitchburg

The above Report having been read it was Voted that so much of said Report as relates to School District No, three except the last clause which relates to the Location of the School House in the Grove opposite the house lately occupied by Mr John L. Chandler be accepted and adopted-

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to carry the same into effect.

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1849. April 2d. Article 11

That part of the Report which relates to School School House District No 5. was first on vote accepted and after in District District No 5. Was list on vote accepted and after No 5. Voted words reconsidered so the Town refused to build a not to build. new School House in said District No 5.

Article 26. Samuel S. Crockers School District Rejected.

Voted to pass over the twenty sixth Article in the warrant after hearing the Report of the Committee to Whome the same was referred at the meeting in March last which report was adverse to the formation of a new School District in the neighbourhood of Samuel S. Crocker's.

Article 22 Taxes Abated \$4.86.

Voted to abate the Taxes of Mifs Betsey Perley of \$2.94, and the Tax of Mrs. Susan Lowe of \$1.92, on the Tax Bill for 1848.

Article 24

Voted to pass over the twenty forth Article. The business under this warrant having been finished every Article having been disposed of by some kind of Action the meeting was by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Sealer of Weights & Measures At a Meeting this day held by the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg we hereby appoint Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of Weights and Measures for the year commencing April 1, 1849.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward | Selectmen
Edwin Upton | of
Asher Green | Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 24, 1849.

Abijah Hartwell appeared and was Sworn as a Sealer of Weights and Measures by me May 22. 1849. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[531] 1849. March 31.

Officers Appointed by Selectmen

Fitchburg March 31, 1849. At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following persons were appointed to be Measurers of Wood and Bark in the Town of Fitchburg the year ensuing—

Measurers of Wood & Bark (April 3. s.) Joseph Pierce.
(April 3. s.) John L. Joslin.
(April 4. s.) Ebenezer F. Bailey.
(April 20. s.) Charles Ide.
(April 20. s.) Ebenezer Ball.
(Declined) Jonathan L. Tenney.
(April 2. s.) James Pierce.

(April 30. s.) Abel Simonds.
(April 21. s.) Loring Wheeler.
Abel F. Adams
Selection

Aber Green

Adams

Selectmen

of

Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

We have this day appointed Charles Upton Measurer of Wood & Bark and have also appointed (April 10, s) William Sandin as Measurer of Wood & Bark in the place of J. L. Tenney who declines serving.

Abel F. Adams.
Isaac B. Woodward.
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley.

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

To J. A. Marshall

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[532] 1849. April 2. Warrant. Warrant for Town Meeting April 2. 1849.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the second day of April next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1.st 2.d To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid
out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Nathan
Tolman and Others.

3.d

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Robert L. Frair & others.

4.th

To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to cut down the hill near the house of Thomas Gibson.

5.th

To see if the Town will accept of the widening of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Daniel S. Eaton and others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Asher Green

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Worcester ss Town of Fitchburg April 2d 1849
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein

described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested Copy of this warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town nine days before the time set for said meeting—

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 2, 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 2^d 1849, at 3 o'clock. P. M. Town Meeting was opened pursuant to the Warrant Recorded on the preceeding page and the same having been read by the Clerk, the meeting was organized by Choosing under the first Article Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator

The Report of a Road as laid by the Selectmen on the petition of Nathan Tolman and others was read to the Town and on vote the same was accepted and that the making of said Road be let out to the lowest bidder by the Selectmen—And that the said Road be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of July next.

The following is the Report.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows;—

Beginning on the Southerly side of Prichard street, at the Northeasterly corner of land of Abiel J. Towne, thence South 27¼ degrees west, forty seven Rods and fifteen links over land given or reserved for a public pafs-way formerly owned by Abiel J. Towne E. Torrey Saml Willis Benjamin Snow and C. Marshall to a stone set in the ground on Main Street at the Southeasterly corner of land of Nathan Tolman. Said Road to lie on the easterly side of said course and to be forty feet wide. And we have appraised no damage to the owners of said pafsway which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and

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Article 1.st

Article 2.d Oliver Street. Accepted

Report

Oliver St.

when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way and be called Oliver Street. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of March 1849.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Asher Green,

Selectmen
Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Articl 3 Rockvill Road from Phillips Bridge to the School House The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Robert L. Frair and others was here read to the Town and on vote the same was accepted on condition that Ivers Phillips Esq make said Road to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of October next for the sum of Five hundred Dollars—(\$500.)

[534] 1849. April 2. Road in Rockvill

April 2. 1849. Town Meeting.

Road Report on petition of R. L. Frair & others. We the subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of Fitchburg, have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows to wit: Beginning at a ston set in the ground near the arch bridge in Rockville on the old Westminster road leading by the house of Chas Russell. Thence north 16° west 3 rods to a stone set in the ground Thence north 12° west 12 rods to an iron bolt in a wall Thence north 71% west 8 rods to a stone set in the ground. Thence North 10° East 6 rods & 13 links to a stone set in the ground Thence North 17° East 4 rods & 15 links to the river. Thence North 341/4° East 21/2 rods across the river Thence North 471/4° East 16 rods to country road between Fitchburg & Ashburnham to a stone set in the ground. Said road to lie on the westerly side of The first 13 rods to be 11/2 rods wide siad course. the remainder to be 2 rods wide which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance & when accepted & recorded to be ever after known as a public town way.

The owners of the land over which said road passes relinquish all damage.

Isaac B. Woodward) Selectmen March 26 1849 Edwin Upton | Fitchburg Asher Green

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to Cut Article 4th down the hill by the house of Thomas Gibson at their Thomas Gibson's discretion, provided that the whole expense to the to cut \$50, for. town for said cut shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Article 5.th The Report of Selectmen of a Road laid out by Road in them on petition of Nathan Upham and others was Crockervill House Accept here read to the town and on vote the same was accepted.

(for Report See next Page)

Town Meeting April 2d 1849.

Road Report We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town the in Crockervill widening of a Town way as follows: Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the Easterly side of the Old County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of David Daniels thence South 12° East 11. Rods 12. Links to a Stone set in the ground, thence South 4\%\partial^\circ East 16\% Rods to a stone set in the ground at the Corner of Alpheus Kimball and David Daniels land said Road to be 21/2. Rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course. And we agreed with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages as follows, To Said Daniels Ten Dollars and to said Kimball Five Dollars which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this Twenty fourth day of

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by School

Widening.

March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Abel F. Adams

Asher Green
Edwin Upton

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The business of the meeting having been finished by acting upon the several articles in the warrant the same was by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Bailey Thomas W.

Burnap Samuel

[536] 1849. Militia Roll May 1.

Militia Roll May. 1849.

Alley George Ames Joel Arnold Wm E Arnold Charles Atherton S. F. Atherton William Atwood J. T. Atherton J. L. Alger Joseph Ames Henry E. Andrews A. T. Andrews Alonzo Andrews Leander Anderson Rufus Adams Xenophan Averill J. L. Billings S. P. Blanchard Luther Brown Jacob Brown Porter Brown Amos Jr. Brown Charles Bullock Charles A. Blanchard Levi M. Brown Marden Babbitt Isaac T. Bogart Cornelius Bogue Charles E. Baldwin Simon Battles Samuel Battles David Bemis Joseph C. Bemis Daniel

Burnap Calvin F. Blanchard Cyrus Bowker Cyrill Bridges Alfred Barrett Merrill Brown A. G. Baker E. R. Boss, George S. Bartlett George Bartlett Murry A. Bowen Phillip F. Bird Alvin Bailey E. F. Bailey G. F. Bailey Josiali Baldwin Joseph 2d Barden Wm. Battles Nathan L. Beal Jerome Bullard Asa Beckwith Alvah A. Bigelow Job. S. Beaman Aaron F. Benton Charles H. Billings Charles J. Blood Thomas S. Blifs William E. Blood Daniel

Boutelle George

Boutelle John

Briggs George Brigham Hubbard H. Brooks Joseph Buttrick Francis Butters Wilder Bartlett Byron E. Bowen Henry Jr. Brown Loring Blodgett Charles Brown Elbridge Back L. L. Burgess Wm. H. Chapin Josiah L. Cutler E. M. Comee Leander Comee James M. Cross Daniel Gerry Francis P. Golding Wm. F. Hall Seth B. Harding Caleb Hall Loyd Harris G. Willard Haskell Jacob Hitchcock Joseph Hunt George W. Hayes Wm. H. Holman Stephen Howland Franklin Howard Peter B.

Harden J. J. Hayward Horace Hawkins Gardner P. Hager Charles M. Hall Henry E. Hawkes George P. Haskell Frederic A. Hudson George F. Hudson Nathan W. Haven Henry M. Huntly Rufus M. Harris Reubin Holden Jonas A. Holden Henry J. Harrington Mason A. Hale Amos Hale Thomas T. Hale Wm. H. Harris Gordis Hilton Almer C. Holden Marquis L. Hubbard Addison Hatch Conlins Haven Reubin L. Hilton Amos Hartwell Benj. Holbrook John W. Hathaway Otis Hewitt Samuel Harris Levi Jr. 42.

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Militia Roll

Houghton Albert G.
Hoyt Ezra D.
Haynes Sumner
Herrick Benjⁿ A.
Hosmer Silas
Hudson Sumner M.
Hanaford John
Jaquith Isaac P
Joy Francis W.
Jaquith Lysander B.
Jaseph William
Jackson Stillman
Johnson Charles
Johnson Martin

Jackson Newell T.
Johnson Sylvester J.
Jaquith David J.
Kinsman Timothy W.
Kimball Franklin
Knight Charles H.
Kempton Samuel
Kilburn John
Kittredge A. G.
Kimball A P.
Kidder Isaac
Kilburn Edwin
Kilburn Artemas
Kinsman Charles

Kinsman Lorenzo Lamb Edwin Lawrence Freeborn Leverett Joseph Jr. Lowe Calvin Lowe Joseph Lowe Saml. H. Lask John Lord S. B. Lewis Amos Lovejoy F H. Leland H. B. Leverett Benjⁿ D Litchfield George Litch Charles S. Litch Aaron K Lane James B. Lincoln Calvin A. Litchfield James D Lane George E. Lillis George Lovejoy John E. Leverett James M. Leach Flavel Lillis David G. Lawrence Kimball W. Lakin Lemuel Lynch J. D. Lyman L. A. Lynch Seneca Maynard Henry Maynard David F Martin Lemuel P. Marshall Abel Mc Intire Isaiah Mc Intire Levi Mc Intire Stephen Mc Intire Lyman Mc Intire Reuben Caldwell T. C. Chapin Joel P. Choate Thomas B. Crane Reuben R. Carpenter E. M. Carter J. N. Carter E. S. Caswell Josiah W. Caswell S. M.

Caswell Nathan Childs Austin S. Cutler Ira Churchill Jesse F. Carter Almanza Cooledge James Conant Joseph F. Carter Samuel Cushing Joseph Clifford Wm J. Crosby Levi Corser George A. Crossman Charles P. Crossman A. W. Corey C. G. Conant Andrew P Cutter Artemas Collings Moses Damon A. B. Dawson John Davenport Sthe Day Leonard Dawes Robert Day S. B. Down Fitch Davis John L Davis Joel Davis James R Dean Andrew J Daisey Harvey Durant Amos Jr. Dadman S. T Danforth Daniel Davis Hiram Dupee C. B. Derby Charles Jr. Davis William L. Dadman J. F. Derby William Davis Isaac Ellick Wm. C. Eaton Abel Emory Daniel Eavans Hiram D. Edwards Lovell L. Edgar David H. Eaton Aaron Jr.

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Militia Roll continued.

Eaton Daniel S. Evans Roswell Eastmore Charles E. Estabrook Charles H. Emory Charles H. Eddy Benjⁿ F. Fairbanks Charles A. Farnsworth Jona 2d Farnsworth Levi Farrar George Farwell Dexter Flagg William B. Farmer Salathiel W. Farwell Levi Farr H. C. Fullam Charles Ford Josiah Foster Job S. Fisher Charles Fisher Clark Farnsworth H. G. Fairbanks Joseph Farwell E. C. Fessenden Charles Fessenden Levi G. Fuller David Flint Thos. P. Fuller Barnard Farwell Samuel Forrester Arthur Farwell Thomas S. Fox Edward Farrar Francis Gibson Jacob Gleason Ira T. Gibson Thomas Gipson Merrick Gale Charles D. Gibbs William Goddard George Goddard R. L. Griswold William W. Gove A. J. H. Goodnow Silas H. Gee Elbridge B.

Gardner James W. Gardner James F Gibson Lyman J. Grant Marshall R. Gleason George H. Gates Luke Goodridge A P. Goodridge John Gates Silas Green C. C. Gerry Charles Gibson Samuel H. Morey S. O Munroe Orison J. Munroe Porter Moulton Joseph C. McIntire Abel Manning Elson M^c·Intire Alfred Mellen J. Q A. Marshall Joseph Maynard Joseph McIntire David F. Marshall Moses Merriam Wm. J. Merrit Wm S. Marshall Homer M. Mandall Warren M. Norcross Amasa J. Nourse William A. Newell Perez Ordway David B. Palmer Thomas Parker David M. Barney Pratt Pratt Lawrin Parks Wm. Proetor Benjⁿ F Phelps Henry R. Pride Wm. M. Partridge Oren Pool Edward Phillips Milton Perkins Moses Jr. Page Enoch

Page John
Polly Warren
Putnam James P.
Proctor J. B.
Phelps John D.
Phelps Lewis
Pollard Henry
Prescott Otis
Polly J. B.
Polley Charles L.
Parmer John B
Parkhurst Lincoln
Page John O. Page
Page Hale W.
Perkins John

Putnam John
Putnam S. W.
Robinson Isaiah
Rice George P.
Raymond Charles H.
Richardson David
Roach John
Raymond E. W.
Reed Calvin D.
Root J. B.
Ripley Isaac
Rockwood E. B.
Rice Roland.
Rice Augustus.

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Richardson Cyrus A. Rice Horace Sawyer Augustus Sheldon John P Sawyer Sanford Spooner A. J. Snow Benjn. Jr. Spaulding Josiah Stockwell L. H. Spaulding Z. P. Stiles J. F. Stiles Orville Storer Moses Sperling J. H. Spooner S. W. Smith J. F. Smith Reuben F. Sheldon Francis 2d Smith J. Q. A. Sprague Leander Sanderson Amasa E Shirtleff Charles A Snow H. H. B. Snow Smith Hiram W. Safford Benjⁿ Sheldon Thomas Smith Artemas R Shattuck Job Sylvester Charles Smith John

Stearns George M. Sheldon Saml. B. Simonds Clark S. Sanders J. L. Sampson William Smith Rufus P. Stone Jonas Tolman William Titcomb Charles Tyler William Twitchell Hartwell W. Thayer Lyman Thurston Charles S. Taylor E. S. Tileston S. W. Tilden Oliver S. Town Wm. B. Twitchell Seth Taylor William H. Upton A. C. Upham Lysander Upton Maratin Goddard William Harris George W. Dole Samuel M. Sherwin Levi Emory Daniel Farwell J. T. Parkhurst John Dole Abram S.

Sawtelle Charles Davis Charles Ware David E. Norcross Josiah Sawyer Charles B Leath Wm. M. Atherton Henry Atherton Shepherd F. Torrey R. H. Stiles Orville Blood Dennis Battles Nathan L. Piper Porter Marshall Moses Davis Alonzo Thurston Wm. D. Mason Charles Brigham Charles Jaquith Caleb W. Comee L. P. Comee William W. Comee James Carter Alonzo O Hale Thomas Durand Samuel Tuttle Lewis G. Tuttle Waterman Adams Abel F Pilsbury Levi Miles William Prentiss Benjamin Towne George Emmory Charles Moulton Daniel Robinson Cyrus Lyon Moses G. Lyon Benjⁿ F. Bowker George

Whitney Milton Walten Samuel Proctor Sullivan G. Sprague Everett Glynn Thomas Jaquith John P. Vinton Horace Vose William Vanderford Frederic C. Walter Luke D. White Ivers White Samuel Whitney Elhanan Williard Joseph Worcester Oliver Whittaker David F. Wilson James Wadsworth Claudius Whitman Jonathan Wright John Whitmore Charles F. Whittemore James Winchester Silas Woodbury Sabin Woodbury James M. Woodbury William Jr. Willard Charles White Francis C. Wheeler L. D. Williams Alonzo Wild Charles J. Williams Frederick Wait Volney B. Woodsum Stephen Wilkins William Williams Lovell Wells Benjⁿ F.

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West Clark S. Wilcomb Hiram Weld John Wheeler Aaron Wheeler Benjⁿ F. Wilder Edwin Williams Francis Wilson Orrin Wilson Charles N. Wright Alba C. Ware T. K. Whitney Jonas Whitney Silas Wilson Arnold Wiswell Isaac D. Wood Elliot Woods Joseph Wood Timothy Whitcomb David C.
Whitcomb Andrew J.
William Winch
Wetherbee David
Younglove Ira
Young Z F.

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg—We hereby return to you the names of persons from the ages of eighteen to forty-five liable to be enrolled as soldiers, in the Town of Fitchburg (in compliance with the Law in such cases made and provided) on the first day of May A. D. 1849

(whole No. 526)

Cyrus Thurston Assessors
T. S. Wilson of John Caldwell Fitchburg

To Jonas. A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg for 1849. In the Return of soldiers made by us for the year 1849 the within names were overlooked. We now make this additional return by request of the Adjt. General, which we confidently believe contains all the names of persons liable to be enrolled for the current year.

Recd July 29. 1849. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Arnold Virgel Atkinson Edward Atkinson George Atwood T. T. Ager N. B. Avers Oliver Blanchard Charles Bartlett Leander Bigelow Augustus Beaman A. F. Blodgett Alton Bullock Laban Brick David C. Brown George Beals Jerome Chase Josiah Cowdin Nat

C. Thurston
T. S Wilson
John Caldwell Fitchburg.

Crehore Horace Crocker P. A. Caswell Stephen Collier James M. Clark John Carter Rufus Corser Samuel A. Crossman S. H Crocker S. S. Crocker Chandler Camp Orris Davis Alonzo Derby Joseph Day Edwin Damon A. W. Damon Franklin Day William H.

Downe William S. Davis Charles Damon Horace Derby Abel Downer Moses Eaton Thomas S. Fairbanks E. H Farwell Haskell Goodwin George Glynn Thomas Gerry F. P. Gibson Luther Gibson Arrington Hale Sam¹ 2ª Hollett Gideon Harris John M. Harris George F.

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Hartwell Edwin Hartwell Leonard Houghton A. C Hudson Nathan Hastings Silas Hayward George Haywood D D Holt Charles W. Holman John Humes Reuben Hudson Ebenr C. Henshaw Dexter Ide Charles Jackson Edwin Joslin Lorin Kendall Loren Kinsman Jeremiah Jr. Kenney Henry Locke Edward C. Kimball Daniel Kimton Elias Long Lemuel Lawrence Charles H. Lowe John Marshall William Messinger Daniel Miller Jacob Merriam David H. Monroe E. L. McComber Joseph W. Maynard Henry G. Marshall A S. Mathews W. F. Martin Leander Me.Intire Francis Nicholson Charles

Phillips Francis Phillips Franklin Pieree Josiali Patridge J. W. Proctor Charles A. Page A. G. Page Joel Jr. Pierce James Pierce Joseph Polly J. W. Rice Elbridge Roberts Samuel Richardson Edwin Shiply Stephen Sawtelle Charles Sandin William Stearns William Scott Joseph T. Searl James D. Smith Joseph Smith Leonard Smith Reuben Stickney George O Stockwell Lorriston Storrer Timothy B Sprague Everett Stevens E. B. Sackett Dwight Tenney Lucius Taylor Daniel Twitchell John M. Ware David E. Wheeler Mason Webber John Whitney Charles H. Williard Joseph B

Waymouth Augustine
Warner John S.
Wilder S. W.
Wetherbee Israel
Wheeler Alfred M.
Wyman Winchester
White George
Warren George P.
Willis S. D.
Upton Warren C.
Wallis Waldo

Wetherbee Alfred Whitney Andrew Wood Goodwin Wood Joseph Wright Samuel J. Younglove Tyler Pierce Newton G. Platt Horace Mc.Intire Franklin No. 143—

669 Whole Number.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[542] 1849. June 2. Warrant for Town Meeting June 2d 1849.

Worcester, ss.

Warrant,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Saturday the second day of June next, at one o'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st

To see what action the town will take upon the Order of Notice issued by the County Commissioners, concerning a Road petitioned for by Abel Kenney & others

2d—

To see what action the town will take upon the Order of notice issued by the County Commissioners concerning Main Street & West Street & Water Street.

3d-

To see if the town will choose an Agent to defend the town in the case of Bellingham vs. Fitchburg or act anything thereon.

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To see if the town will establish a school in the Westerly part of the town to accommodate S. S. Crocker & others or act any thing thereon.

5th.

To see if the town will sell any building lots on the Academy Lot or act anything thereon. 6th—

To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Samuel Carter & others or act any-thing thereon.

7th-

To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Franklin H. Damon & others or act anything thereon.

8.th

To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Abel Thurston & others or act any thing thereon.

Article 9.th

To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by C. Marshall and others.

Article 10.

To see if the town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Martin Johnson and others.

Article 12.th

To see if the town will enlarge the Academy building as recommended by their School Committee or act anything thereon.

[543] Article 11.

To see if the town will build a Schoolhouse for District No 5 or act any thing in regard to a Schoolhouse in said District they may think proper. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine

Abel F. Adams Isaac B. Woodward Selectmen Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Town of Fitchburg June 2d 1849 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy

of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting

David H. Merriam-Constable of Fitchburg

N. B. Articles 11. and 12. were in recording accidentally transposed, the 12th article recorded before the 11. Article

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 2d 1849.

Town Town Hall Fitchburg June 2d 1849 at 1. O'clock Meeting June 2d 1849. P. M. Town meeting opened as above by reading the Warrant and Choosing William Carleton Esq. Moderator Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant.

Article 1.
Road by the house of Abel Kenney.
Committee to Oppose 3

The Order of Notice of the County Commissioners was here read to the Town mentioned in the first Article of the Warrant. Whereupon it was voted to Choose a Committee of three to oppose the location of said Road before the said Commissioners if the Town thereby shall be subjected to any expense. Chose for Said Committee Hon, Nathaniel Wood

William Carleton Esq Daniel Tuttle.

Article 2. On the Order of notice of the County CommisMain Street
West " & sioners mentioned in the Second Article in the warWater " County Com-rant the town Voted that the Selectmen be a
Committee Committee to attend the County Commissioners and
propose such alterations in Main, West & Water
Streets as they may think for the interest of the Town

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Voted that three be added to the Selectmen chosen as a Committee on the Subject of the Second Article recorded on last page Chose

Hon. Ebenezer Torrey Nathan Tolman William Carleton Esq Said addition. Article 3 The Case of Bellingham vs. Fitchburg Voted that Bellingham vs. Fitchburg. Hon. Nathaniel Wood be the Agent to attend to said Suit for the Town.

Article 4 S. S. Crocker's School rejected.

A. Motion to Establish a School as set forth in this article was lost and the Article passed over.

Article 5.

Article 6. Payson Street. Accepted. This article was passed over by vote.

Report of Selectmen on petition of Samuel Carter & others for a Road was here read to the Town and on Voted the same was Accepted and Ordered to be built by the first day of October next to the Acceptance of the Selectmen and under their direction. The following is the Report. Petition & Order thereon

Petition

To the Honorable the Selectmen of Fitchburg, your petitioners, Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning on Laurel Street near the house of William Sampson and leading to South street by the house of N. F. Ackley and others.

Fitchburg April 25th 1849

Names
Wm. G. Tolman
Charles Gerry
Fitch Downe
Wm. Sampson
Levi Harris Jr.
Charles H. Munroe
Thomas Gerry
Saml. Walton
Isaac Davis
Cahill Tolman
Nathan F Ackley

Names
Samuel Carter
John Danbey
James R. Willard
Chas. Bassett
Horace Platt
Linus Worthen
Isaiah L Averill
Orville C. Stiles
David P Maynard
Addison W. Damon
Saml. Roberts.

Order

On the petition aforesaid, Ordered, That all persons interested therein, be notified that the Selectmen will meet at the house of Samuel Carter in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of May next

at two o'clock in the afternoon, And it is further ordered, that Samuel Carter one of the petitioners aforesaid serve each person interested in Real Estate, over which said

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Road is to pass, with an attested copy of said petition and order, seven days at least, before the said seventh day of May next, at which time and place, the said Selectmen will proceed to view the route set forth in said petition, to hear all persons interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard thereon; and if they shall adjudge the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, they will then proceed to lay out and locate a Road over said Route, agreeable to said petition. And the said Samuel Carter is ordered to make return of said petition and order, with his doings thereon, to one of the said Selectmen, on or before the said seventh day of May next. Given under our hands this 28th day of April 1849.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Asher Green
Stephen Shepley
Edwin Upton

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Report of Payson St.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town a Town way as follows, Beginning at a stone set in the ground at the south east corner of W. F. Ackley's land on South St. and running north 81% East 10 ft thence North 521/2° East 32 Rods and 13 links to the south west corner of Charles Gerrys land; thence North 514° West 110 ft. to Laurel St. thence northerly on Laurel Street 10 ft to be made on a proper eurve for the distance of 10 ft. on each road. The above road to be 30 ft wide except at its easterly termination where it is 35 ft, wide and runs in a strait course to South Street and to lie on the southerly side of said course; and on the southerly side of the road at the Westerly termination another proper curve to be formed extending 10 ft Southerly on Laurel Street and 10 ft. Easterly on the above named road and we have agreed with William Sampson for the damage over his land for the sum of \$5,00 and the other owners of the land over which said way passes agree to relinquish all damages; which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way and called Payson Street. Dated at Fitchburg this seventh Day of May One Thousand Eight hundred & forty nine

> Abel F Adams Isaac B Woodward Selectmen Edwin Upton of Asher Green Fitchburg. Stephen Shepley

Article 7.

The Report of the Selectmen of three Streets laid out by them on petition of Franklin H. Damon near the School House in the Old City so called was here read to the Town and on vote all of said Streets were accepted & voted that the Selectmen cause them to be built to their-

[546]1849. June 2, Road Report Town Meeting June 2.d 1849.

Acceptance by the first of October next. the following Snow street is the Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Day Street. town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Union Street. town a Town way as follows Beginning on Summer St. at the Southwest corner of land owned by Leonard Day, thence North 2734°. East 41. Rods and 21. Links to the Southwest corner of the School House Lot. Thence North 271/4 deg East 8, Rods and 14. Links to the Northwest corner of the School-House Lot, to be thirty Seven feet wide, to lie on the Westerly side of said Courses and be called Day Street. Also a Town Way Beginning at the Northerly side of Summer Street near the house of Benjamin Snow and at the south East corner of Ira Holts land, then runs north 1234 deg. East 20 rods to the North East corner of the land owned by Franklin H. Damon, thence

North 261/2 Deg. East 24 rods & 17 links to the North East corner of the School House lot in the Old City. Said Town way to be thirty seven feet wide, to lie on the Southerly side of the above courses and be called Snow Street. Also a Town way beginning at the South East corner of the School House lot thence North 631 Deg. West 28 rods & 20 links to a Stone pillar on Blossom Street to be Thirty feet wide to lie on the Southerly side of said course and be called Union Street. All the above described Town ways lie on passage ways deeded by David Boutelle to the Inhabitants of Fitchburg, and said David Boutelle claims no damages for laying said roads, which are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public Town ways.

Dated at Fitchburg May 26th 1849.

Abel F. Adams Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley Asher Green

Selectmen of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 8. Road Rejected

Road Report on petition of Abel Thurston was here read to the town and on vote Rejected. Report of Selectmen of a Continuation of Fox

Article 9. Fox Street Reject

Street was here read and Rejected. The Report of Selectmen of Adams Street was here read and on vote accepted and ordered that the

Article 10

Selectmen cause the

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June 2. Road Report. Same to be built to their Acceptance by the first day Adams Street of October next. The following is the Report.

> We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, have laid out for the use of the said town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stone set in the ground, on Prichard street at the Southeasterly corner of Charles H. Munroe's land, thence north 621/4

Deg. West 18 rods & 4 links, to the Southeasterly corner of Francis Phillip's land; said Town way to be 40 ft. wide, and to lie on the southerly side of said course—And the owners of the land relinquish all damage for laying said way through their land, reserving to themselves the right of removing the loam from said land; and we have allowed them thirty days to remove the said loam; which road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded to be forever after known as a public town way; and to be called Adams Street. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty-sixth day of May 1849.

Abel F. Adams
Asher Green
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 11 Schoolhouse No. 5. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to repair the old School House in District Number 5.

Voted that the Subject of the twelfth Article be refered to a Committee of three to Report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting Chose for said Committee Ivers Phillips Esq

Abial J. Towne "

Hon Nathaniel Wood

Adjourned. June 11. 1849 Voted to adjourn to the $11.^{th}$ instant at 3. O'clock P. M.

The meeting was opened on the 11.th of June 1849, Pursuant to adjournment from the 2^d instant at 3. O'clock P. M by the Moderator.

Article 12. High School House to Enlarge

The Committee Chosen June 2. on the subject of this article recommended that the High School House be enlarged by building an addition upon the East end of said House of twenty or twenty five feet making an additional School room on the lower floor and Two Recitation Rooms above said School Room—Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Committee above written

[548] 1849. June 11.

Town Meeting June 11. 1849. Adjournment from June 2d

Voted that the same Committee Viz Ivers Phillips. Abial I. Towne & Nathaniel Wood be a Committee to carry the foregoing vote relative to enlarging the High School House into effect.

Article 5.th Town Treas-

Voted to Reconsider the Vote past June 2.d urer Author. Whereby the fifth Article was passed over. Voted that ized to sell High School the Town Treasurer be a Committee with Authority Land. to Sell, and Convey by Deed such part or parts of the High School House Lot of Land. So called, as he with the advice and concent of the Selectmen shall think best for the Town to dispose of.

Article 9.

Voted to Reconsider the vote passing over the ninth Article A motion was made and put to accept the Road mentioned in this article (the 9th) but said motion did not prevail. The meeting was then by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

June 11. 1849.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 11, 1849.

Warrant.

Worcester, ss-To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, Greeting, In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Monday the Eleventh day of June next, at one O.'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:-

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for One Representative to Represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1849, for District No. 4.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty Sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley Asher Green

Seclectmen of Fitchburg

[549] June 11. 1849. June 11. 1849.

Worcester, fs. Town of Fitchburg June 11.th 1849, pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the public Meetinghouses in said town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 11, 1849. Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 11. 1849. 1. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Town meeting was Opened by the Selectmen as above—The warrant having been read and the Precept of the Governor ordering the meeting also—Votes were then recived, sorted, Counted Recorded and Declaired as follows For a Representative to Congress for District Number 4. The whole number of votes was 465.

Representative to Congress John G. Palfrey had 301.
Benjamin Thompson "118.
Frederic Robinson "46.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Warrant June 11. 1849, Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the Eleventh day of June instant at four O.'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles.

Article 1st

To see if the Town will establish a new School District out of parts of Districts No. 5. & 8. and build a School House for said District or act anything thereon they may think proper.

[550] 1849. Article 2

June 11. 1849.

To see what Action the Town will take with regard to an Indictment against the Town on the Subject of the North Branch Turnpike.

An you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Second day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams Isaac B. Woodward Edwin Upton Stephen Shepley

Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Worcester. ss. Fitchburg June 2. 1849. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested Copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town ten Days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg. Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk. Town Meeting June 11. 1849. Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 11.th 1849, at 4. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the Warrant foregoing the Town meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and Choosing Abel F. Adams Moderator.

Article 1. School District Out of Nos. 5 & S Lost. Under the first Article in the Warrant there was a motion put to establish a new School District out of parts of Nos 5. & 8. giving boundaries thereof but said motion did not prevail.

Artiele 2. North branch Turnpike Indicted.

Voted that Hon. Nathaniel Wood, William Carleton Esq and William Woodbury be a Committee to attend to the subject of this article on behalf of the Town.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[551] 1849. September 10 Warrant Warrant for Town Meeting Sepember 10. 1849.

Worcester S. S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of September next, at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative, to Represent them in the Congress of the United States, for two years from the forth day of March 1849. for District No 4.

Article 2.

To Choose a Moderator.

3d

To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to repair the School-house in District No. 5. or act anything thereon as they may think proper, as to building a new house as recommended by their Committee, on the main road about forty rods North of the house of Capt. Edwin Upton, or act any thing concerning a house in said District they may think proper.

5.th

6th

7th

8th

O.

To see if the town will establish a new School District out of parts of Districts No 5. & 8. and build a School-house for said District, or act anything in regard to the same they may think proper.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Henry R, Phelps and others.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Salmon W, Putnam and others.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Elijah S. Carter and others.

To see if the town will grant any farther abatement on the Tax Bill of 1848, or act any thing thereon.

To see if the Town will purchase more land for their burying ground or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—Given under our hands this eighteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

[552] 1849. September 10. Warrant for Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Worcester fs. Town of Fitchburg September 10.th 1849. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-

houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg September 10, 1849, at One O'clock P. M. A. Town meeting was Opened by the Selectmen pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, which being read by the Clerk and the Precept of the Governor likewise read Votes were received, sorted Counted and declared for a Representative to Congress and were as follows

Article 1. Representative to Congress.

For Representative to Congress Whole Number of Votes 490.

> John G. Palfrey had 300. Benjamin Thompson 144. Frederick Robinson 46.

Article 2

The meeting for Town business was organized by Choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator.

Article 3

After the subject of the third Article was fully discussed it was voted not to reconsider the vote mentioned in said Article and the Article was then passed over.

Article 4th New School District Established

Voted to establish a new School District out of parts of Districts Nos 5, & 8, as follows Beginning at the South East end of the Sanborn Road so called thence East to the River thence following up the River to the Vermont & Massachusetts Rail Road. thence following the line of the Rail Road to the Town Line, thence following the town line to the East side of the Old Westminster Road leading by Natt Cowdins, thence following said Road to the South west corner of

1849.

September 10. William Taylors land, thence in a streight line to the & Natt Cow-bound first mentioned, after the above vote was passed it was voted that the whole of Asa Sawers and Natt Cowdin's farmes be excluded from said new District.

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Asa Sawyer din's Farmes Excluded from new District

School House Selectmen to build Voted that the Selectmen Select a spot and erect a School House in said District at a cost not exceeding Four hundred Dollars exclusive of Spot or Land for the same which Samuel S. Crocker has agreed to give to the town for that purpose and that the building be completed and fitted for use by the first day of December next.

Article 5 Streets Pleasant St. Extended Spring St. Accepted.

The following Report of the Selectmen was here read to the town and on Vote was accepted.

Report of Extention of Pleasant Street and of the laying out of Spring Street.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows: Beginning at a Stone set in the ground near the house Moses Marshall at the southerly extremity of Pleasant Street and running South 57.14 East 12. Rods and 15. Links to a Stone set in the ground-thence South 621/2° East 15. Rods and 6. Links to a stone set in the ground—thence South 28.° West 20. Rods to a Stone set in the ground at the Easterly side of Prichard Street-And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which the Road passes to release all damages—Said Road to be 40, feet wide and to lie on the Southerly and Westerly side of said courses—the part of the Road on the first and Second Courses to be Continuation of Pleasant Street—the part on the third and last course to be Called Spring Street and the above Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a publick town way-Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of June in the year 1849.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Stephen Shepley

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk Voted that the Selectmen cause the [554] 1849. September 10 Town Meeting September 10.th 1849.

Said Streets to be built by the first day of December next to their Acceptance

Article 6.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Salmon W. Putnam, to be called Walnut Street was here read and on vote the same was Accepted and ordered to be built by the first day of December next to the acceptance of the Selectmen. The following is the Report.

Road Report. Walnut St.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of Said Town a Town Way as follows. Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the westerly side of Water Street near the South end of the Arch Stone Bridge near the Iron-Foundry—Thence South 89.34° west 9. Rods 18. Links to a Stone set in the ground-thence South 721/4° west 16. Rods 15. Links to Stone set in the ground -Thence North 55.° west 10. Rods 1. Link; the Road on the above courses to be 33, feet wide thence on the same Course 19. Links to stone set in the ground and the Road widening to 35, feet, thence North 393/4° west 15. Rods 3. links to Stone set in the ground. thence North 501/4° west 2. Rods 4. Links to Stone set in the ground—thence North 55\% west 7. Rods 12. Links to stone set in the ground, thence North 60.° west 13. Rods and 22. Links to stone set in the ground-thence North 49.34° west 2. Rods 7. Links to a stone set in the ground on South Street and five last courses to be thirty five feet wide—the Road is to lie on the Northerly side of said Courses-We have appraised the damage done to the land of Mrs Mary C. Upton at 12. Dollars and the other owners of land claim no damages for laying said Road through their lands-Which Road is to be called Walnut Street and is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be

This Road was found to be illegal in its laying out notice not having been given to some of the owners of land over which it passes—it was therefore relaid and accepted in January 1850, and Recorded on Page 560, of this Book,

known as a publick Town way—Dated at Fitchburg this first day of August in the year 1849.

> Abel F. Adams) Selectmen Edwin Upton Fitchburg Asher Green

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

[555]1849. Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on September 10. Article 7. petition of Elijah S. Carter and others was here read E. S. Carters to old Road to the Town and on vote the said Report was acto Lunenburg, cepted and the Selectmen were directed to cause the same to be built by the first day of December next to their acceptance

Report

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows. Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the south side of the old Road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg and near the place formerly occupied by the half District School House at land of Avery Stockwell and runing South 13º west 14 Rods to a stone set in the ground at the corner of a wall-thence South 61/2 East and runing on said wall and through said Stockwell's land 27, Rods and 17. Links to a stone set in the ground in a Southwesterly direction from the dwelling house of Elijah S. Carter said road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said courses-And we have appraised the damage done to the land of Avery Stockwell at Seventy five Dollars-which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a publick town way-

Dated at Fitchburg this August 27, 1849.

Isaac B. Woodward | Selectmen Edwin Upton of | Fitchburg Stephen Shepley Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 8. Tax abated

Voted to abate the Tax of Mrs Judith Wetherbee for the year 1848.

Article 9 Burying Ground Land for

Voted that William Carleton, Ivers Phillips and Ebenezer Torrey be a Committee to purchase for the Town so much land as an addition to our burying Ground as they may think best for the Town. the meeting for Town business was then Dissolved-

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[556]1849. November 12, Warrant. Warrant for Town-meeting November 12. 1849.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the twelvth day of Nov. next, at nine O'clock, in the fore noon then and there to act on the following Articles:-

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the forth day of March. 1849. for District No 4.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Worcester on one ballot, for the year ensuing.

To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley
Asher Green

Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Worcester. ss. Fitchburg October 27th 1849. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fifteen days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[557] Town Meeting November 12, 1849.

November 12. Town Hall Fitchburg November 12. 1849. at 9. Oclock A. M. A. Town meeting was opened Pursuant to the foregoing warrant—Selectmen presiding—warrant read—and also the warrant of the Governor ordering an election of Representative to Congress (or an atempt to do so) check list used as the law directs.

Article 1. 2. 3. Votes were received under the several Articles in the warrant at the same time. sorted, Counted and declared as follows

Governor For Governor the whole number of votes was 668.

George N. Briggs had 237. Stephen C. Phillips " 298. George S. Boutwell " 133.

Lt. Governor For Lt. Governor the whole number of votes was 665.

John Reed had 237. John Mills " 295. Henry W. Cushman " 133.

Representative to Congress the whole number of votes was 667.

John G. Palfrey had 343. Benjamin Thompson " 211. Frederick Robinson " 113.

Senators	For Senators	the whole number of	vote	s was 660.
		Alexander DeWitt	had	426.
		Pliny Merrick	4.6	425.
		Edward B. Bigelow	4.6	427.
		John Ramond	6.6	426.
		Amasa Walker	6.6	428.
		Alexander H. Bulloc	k ''	231.
		Paul Whitin	6.6	231.
		Ebenezer Torrey	4.6	231.
		Joseph White	6.6	231.
		George Davis	6.6	231.
Represent	For Representa	ative to General Court	whol	e number 545.
Genrl Court		Charles Mason		254.
		Goldsmith F. Bailey	6.6	195.
		Kilburn Harwood	6.6	94.
		Timothy S. Wilson	4.6	1.
		Aaron Beaman	4.6	1.
	No choise	Here the meeting	adjot	rned for one
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		Charles Mason	had	268.
		Goldsmith F. Bailey	6.6	210.
		Kilburn Harwood	6.6	76.
		Thornton K. Ware	6.6	1.
		Mason Wheeler	4.4	1.
	Third Ballot	wole No 535.		
		Charles Mason	had	258.
		Goldsmith F. Bailey	~ 66	197.
		Kilburn Harwood	6.6	80.
	After the t	hird ballot voted to	adior	rn to tomor-

After the third $ballot_i$ voted to adjourn to tomorrow at 9. o'clock A. M.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[558] 1849. November 13. Adjournment from yesterday Representative Town Meeting November 13, 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 13, 1849, at 9. O'clock A. M. Adjournment from yesterday meeting opened by the Selectmen pursuant to adjournment—voted to proceed to ballot for Representative to General Court.

For Representative the whole number was 57.1. No choise

Forth Ballot Charles Mason had 266.

> Goldsmith F. Bailey " 200.

Kilburn Harwood 103

Isaac B. Woodward

After the forth ballot it was moved to dissolve the meeting but the motion was lost

Fifth Ballot whole number of votes was 450. No choise

Goldsmith F. Bailey had Charles Mason 19 Kilburn Harwood 46. Edward Aldrich 6.6 170. Thornton K. Ware 66 34. Edwin Upton 3 William Miles 1.

At 25, munits past 12. P. M. adjourned to half past one this after noon. Meeting was opened pursuant to adjournment.

Sixth Ballot. The whole number of votes was 439. for a choise 220.

Representative Chosen.

Thornton K. Ware	221.	Chosen
Goldsmith F. Bailey	151.	
Kilburn Harwood	64.	
Charles Mason	1.	
Edward Aldrich	1.	
Edwin Upton	1.	

Attest J. A. Marshall

Perambulation of Town Lines.

Perambula-Lunenburg

Lunenburg Oct. 30, 1849. We the Subscribers tion of Town Lines Selectmen of the Towns of Lunenburg and Fitchburg have this day perambulated and run the lines between the said Towns and renewed the marks according to the Law of the Commonwealth

> Ithra Lewis Selectmen of Daniel Low Jun Lunenburg Stephen Shepley | Selectmen of Asher Green Fitchburg

Leominster

Fitchburg October 10, 1849. We the undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Fitchburg and Leominster hereby Certify that we met this day and perambulated and run the Lines between the towns aforesaid in accordance with the Law of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

> Abel F. Adams (Selectmen of Edwin Upton | Fitchburg William A. Nichols) Selectmen of Charles W. Wilder Leominster

Westminster

This may certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between the Towns of Fitchburg and Westminster and have renewed the markes on the monuments at the corners and angles of said lines agreable to the laws of the Commonwealth

> Isaac B. Woodward) Selectmen of Asher Green (Fitchburg 1 Selectmen of Geo. W. Hager Harrison G. Whitney Westminster.

October 25.th 1849.

[559] 1849. Peramubula-

Town Records 1849. Perambulation of Town Lines

This certifies that we have this day perambulated tion of Town Lines and run the lines between the towns of Fitchburg and Ashburnham Ashburnham and renewed the marks accordin to the Law of the Commonwealth in such eases made and provided. October 26.th 1849.

Abel F. Adams Selectmen of Isaac B. Woodward | Fitchburg Jerome W. Foster) Selectmen of Antipas Maynard (Ashburnham.

Ashby

This certifies that we have this day perambulated and run the lines between the towns of Fitchburg and Ashby and renewed the marks according to the Law of the Common wealth in such cases made and provided. October 26.th 1849.

> Abel F. Adams Selectmen of Isaac B. Woodward Fitchburg Cushing Burr \ Selectmen of Martin Howard (Ashby.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1850. January 21. Warrant Warrant for Town Meeting January 21. 1850.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the 21.st day of Jan∑ inst. at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles—

Article 1st.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for District No. four for the term of two years from the fourth of March 1849.

Article 2d

To see if the town will accept of a piece of Road laid out by their Selectmen near the house of Abel Kenney called Walnut Street.

Article 3d

To see if Town will abate the poll tax assessed against Alexander Mann for the years 1848 and 9. also the tax of Abel Scott for the year 1849.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fifth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley

Stephen Shepley

[560] 1850. January 21. Town of Fitchburg January 21. 1850.

Worcester, fs. Fitchburg Jan 21.st 1850. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within men-

tioned by posting up an attested copy of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fifteen days before the time set for said meeting-

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg. Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting January 21,

Town Meeting January 21, 1850.

Town Hall Fitchburg January 21, 1850, at 1. O'clock, P. M. Pursuant to the warrant recorded on the 559th Page of this Book the meeting was opened as above, the warrant of the Selectmen and the Precept of the Governor having been read, the Selectmen presiding then Received, sorted, Counted and declared the votes for Representative to Congress under the first Article in the Warrant, Seventh trial, Whole number of votes for Representative to Congress was 488

John G. Palfrey had 264.66 Benjamin Thompson 161. Frederick Robinson 61. William Parminter

The Poll was closed at 4. o'clock P. M. by Vote. Article 2d

Voted and chose Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator. The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Isaac T. Babbit was here read to the town and on vote the same was accepted and ordered to be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of June next. the following is the Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Walnut Street. See Page 554. Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows, Beginning at a stone set in the

ground on the Westerly side of Water Street

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near the south end of the Arch Stone Bridge, near the Iron Foundry, thence South 8934° West 9. Rods 18. Links, to a stone Set in the ground, thence South 721/49 West 16, Rods 13. Links to a Stone set in the ground, thence North 55.° West 10. Rods and 1. Link, 20

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(the road on the above courses to be 33, feet wide) thence on same Course 19, links to a stone set in the ground and the Road widening to 35, feet, the Road on the above Courses passing over a reserved passway, and over land of Cushman Thaver and Saml. P. Harrington, thence north 39,34°. West 15, Rods 3. Links to a stone set in the ground, thence North 501/4° West 2. Rods and 4. Links to a Stone Set in the ground, thence North 55%: West 7. Rods 12. Links to a Stone set in the ground, thence North 60° West 13. Rods 22. Links to a stone set in the ground, thence North 49349 West 2, Rods 7, Links to a stone set in the ground on South Street, the Road on the five last Courses to be 35, feet wide and passes over a reserved passway, and over land of Mary C. Upton. The Road is to lie on the northerly side of said courses. And we have appraised the damage to the land of Saml P. Harrington at Fifty Dollars and to the land of Mary C. Upton at twenty Dollars. The other owners of land through which said Road passes relinquish all damage for laying said Road through their land Which Road is to be called Walnut Street and is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way-

Abel F. Adams
Isaac B. Woodward
Edwin Upton
Stephen Shepley

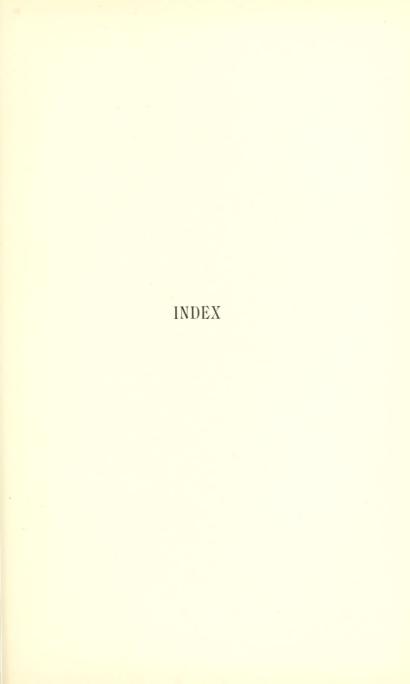
Selectmen
of
Fitchburg

Dated at Fitchburg this first day of December 1849.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 3 Taxes Abated Voted to abate the Tax of Abel Scott for the year 1849, and the Poll tax of Alexander Mann for the years 1848 and 1849, the business of the meeting having been finished the meeting Dissolved

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. Here finishes the Records for the political year 1849, the Records for 1850, after March Meeting will be in a new book



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